



STORMWATER STORAGE SYSTEM

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

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DISCLAIMER

Read the following information before inspecting, cleaning, or performing maintenance on this Stormwater Treatment Device. This manual is intended to explain the specifics of the maintenance on R-Tank Stormwater Storage Systems.

It is the responsibility of all personnel to familiarize themselves with, understand and comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. All information in this manual is current at the time of printing but are subject to change based on the development of new processes and procedures. Ferguson Enterprises assumes no responsibility and is not accountable for any injuries, fines, penalties, or losses that occur involving any procedure in this manual or other actions taken. The R-Tank Stormwater Storage System performance is based on the procedures being followed in this manual. Non-Compliance with the outlined measures will be the responsibility of the owner.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Your R-Tank System has been designed to function in conjunction with the engineered drainage system on your site, the existing municipal infrastructure, and/or the existing soils and geography of the receiving watershed. Unless your site included certain unique and rare features, the operation of your R-Tank System will be driven by naturally occurring systems and will function autonomously. However, upholding a proper schedule of Inspection & Maintenance is critical to ensuring continued functionality and optimum performance of the system.

INSPECTION INFORMATION

During construction, the system shall be protected from sediment laden runoff and only activated once the site has been fully stabilized.

Both the R-Tank and all stormwater pre-treatment features incorporated into your site must be inspected regularly. Inspections should be done every six months for the first year of operation, and at least yearly thereafter. Inspections may be required more frequently for pre-treatment systems. You should refer to the manufacturer requirements for the proper inspection schedule.

With the right equipment most inspections and measurements can be accomplished from the surface without physically entering any confined spaces. If your inspection does require confined space entry, you must follow all local, regional, and OSHA requirements.

All maintenance features of your system can be accessed through a covering at the surface. With the lid removed, you can visually inspect each component to identify sediment, trash, and other contaminants within the structure. Check your construction plans to identify the maintenance features engineered into your R-Tank system, which may include:

Upstream Pipes, Inlets, and Manholes: Working from the structures adjacent the R-Tank toward those farther away, check for debris and sediment in both the structures and the pipes. Be sure to include all structures that contain pre-treatment systems. Some structures may include a sump.

Maintenance Ports / Inspection Ports: Maintenance/inspection ports are located near the inlet and outlet connections, treatment rows, and throughout the system. These should be used to check for sediment and typically allow access for backflushing and cleaning.

Treatment Row: On installations in 2018 or later, inlet pipes may connect to a row of modules with 12” diameter access holes running horizontally through the module that can be jet vacuumed. Check these rows for accumulation of sediment and debris.

All observations and measurements should be recorded on an Inspection Log kept on file. We have included a form you can use at the end of this guide.



INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Site Name:		Company:	
Location:		Contact:	
City and State:		Phone:	
System Owner:		Email:	

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Inspection Description	Frequency	Observations / Notes	Initials
Pretreatment Systems	Quarterly		
Connections	Bi-Annually		
Inspection Ports	Bi-Annually		
Accumulation of Sediment or Debris	Bi-Annually		
Upslope Erosion	Quarterly		
Accidental or Illicit Spillage	Quarterly		

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Maintenance Items	Required Maintenance Activities	Initials
Pretreatment Systems		
Connections		
Inspection Ports		
Accumulation of Sediment or Debris		
Upslope Erosion		
Accidental or Illicit Spillage		

SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

For modules taller than 40" the R-Tank Stormwater Storage Systems should be back-flushed once sediment accumulation has reached 6". For modules less than 40" tall, perform maintenance when sediment depths are greater than 15% of the total system height. If your system includes a Treatment Row with linear access through the modules from the inlet pipe, backflush this area when sediment depths reach 6".

BEFORE ANY MAINTENANCE IS PERFORMED ON YOUR SYSTEM - PLUG THE OUTLET PIPE TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION OF THE DOWNSTREAM SYSTEMS.

Maintenance During Construction

Installed R-Tank Stormwater Storage Systems should be properly protected post installation, but before the System is accepted by owners in the following manner:

- **Vehicular Traffic:** Protect system from heavy construction equipment loads by using smaller vehicles, low ground pressure tracked equipment when possible, or protective measures such as steel plates to spread the load experienced by the system.
- **Sediment and Debris:** Use proper erosion control Best Management Practices to prevent sediment and debris from reaching the system.
- **Remove Sediment and Debris, as Needed:** If upslope practices fail to prevent sediment laden runoff from entering the upstream inlets, pipes, and system, sediment removal should be performed using jet-vac equipment.

Maintenance After Construction

Site specific conditions (land use, climate, tree cover, slopes, construction activities, etc.) along with data from regular inspections will determine how frequently the system must be cleaned. At a minimum, vacuum cleaning should occur every 1 to 2 years. Routine maintenance, such as pre-treatment inlet cleanout should occur every 3 to 6 months.

- Begin by cleaning all upstream structures, pipes, and pre-treatment systems containing sediment and/ or debris. If your system includes a Treatment Row, this portion of the system should be cleaned with traditional jet-vac equipment. Add a centralizer to the jet for easiest access through the modules.
- Complete initial debris removal by vacuuming debris up the inspection port locations, while using the jetting water to push debris to the hose. For finer debris, back-flush the R-Tank system. To perform this, water is pumped into the system through the inspection ports as rapidly as possible. The turbulent action of the water moving through the R-Tank will suspend sediments which may then be pumped out. If your system includes an outlet structure, this will be the ideal location to pump contaminated water out of the system. However, removal of back-flush water may be accomplished through the inspection ports, as well.
- For systems with large footprints that would require extensive volumes of water to properly flush the system, you should consider performing your maintenance within 24 hours of a rain event. Stormwater entering the system will aid in the suspension of sediments and reduce the volume of water required to properly flush the system.

INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE COST ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

Project Name:		Engineer:	
Location:		City / State:	
Owner:		Contact:	
Phone:		Email:	

Life Expectancy (Yrs.) =	
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Inspection Description	Frequency / Year	Total Services*	Cost per Service	Total Cost**
Pretreatment Systems	4		\$	\$
Connections	2		\$	\$
Inspection Ports	2		\$	\$
Accumulation of Sediment or Debris	2		\$	\$
Upslope Erosion	4		\$	\$
Accidental or Illicit Spillage	4		\$	\$

Maintenance Items	Frequency / Year	Total Services*	Cost per Service	Total Cost**
Pretreatment Systems			\$	\$
Connections			\$	\$
Inspection Ports			\$	\$
Accumulation of Sediment or Debris			\$	\$
Upslope Erosion			\$	\$
Accidental or Illicit Spillage			\$	\$
System Vacuuming			\$	\$

Total Costs = Inspection Costs + Maintenance Costs =	\$
Estimated Annual Operating Expenses = Total Costs / Years of Service =	\$

* Total Services = Frequency of Services / Yr. multiplied by Life Expectancy
 ** Total Cost = Total Services multiplied by Cost per Service