



Storm Water Detention/ Retention Structures ♦ Inspection Checklist

If you have any questions regarding this checklist, please contact Wake County Watershed Management at (919) 856-7436 or watershedmanagement@wake.gov

Basin / Property Owner: _____

Basin/ Structure Maintainer (usually owner): _____

Basin/ Property Address: _____

Phone Number of Owner and Maintainer: _____

Basin/ Structure Type (circle choice or write in below):

Rain Garden/Bioretention Cistern

Wet Detention Other

Dry Detention

Inspection Date

ANNUAL INSPECTION ITEMS

CIRCLE "YES" OR "NO" FOR ALL ITEMS BELOW

A. No adverse observations, in compliance	YES	NO
B. Plants diseased-dying and/or algae present	YES	NO
C. Runoff bypasses device	YES	NO
D. Inlet/outlet visibly clogged	YES	NO
E. Water present 5 days after storm	YES	NO
F. Device removed or damaged (animal or human)	YES	NO
G. Trash accumulation	YES	NO
H. Noxious weeds present	YES	NO
I. Exposed soil or soil erosion	YES	NO
J. Odor present	YES	NO
K. Sediment accumulation	YES	NO
L. Animal interference	YES	NO
M. Trees present on dam	YES	NO
N. Grass longer than 8" in height	YES	NO
O. Cracks/sloughing observed on slopes/embankments	YES	NO

• OTHER ITEMS AND COMMENTS: _____

• CORRECTIVE MEASURES FOR ALL YES ANSWERS ABOVE: _____

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED TO PROPERLY DOCUMENT INSPECTION ABOVE)
THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS INSPECTION FORM IS AN ACCURATE AND CURRENT DESCRIPTION OF THE BASIN OR STRUCTURE AT THIS ADDRESS:

SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM

DATE

Submit this inspection form to the Wake County permit portal, email, or mailed to the following address within 30 days of due date:

**Wake County Planning and Development Services: Watershed Management Division
336 Fayetteville St., PO Box 550, Raleigh, NC 27602**

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