

Why does the County Inspect My Business?

Stormwater runoff occurs when rain falls onto impervious surfaces, such as roadways and rooftops, which prevent the water from soaking into the ground. As the water flows over these surfaces toward the nearest storm drain, it picks up any number of pollutants, affecting the water quality of our drinking water sources.

By conducting inspections of commercial and industrial businesses in the County we can identify potential pollution sources before they become a problem. County officials and business owners can then work together to develop a management plan to protect our precious water resources.

What is the Inspector Looking For?

The inspector has an MS4 Facility Inspection checklist to follow, as mandated by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). The inspector will first check for the following:

- Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
- Spill Prevention Countermeasure and Control Plan (SPCC)

A general inspection of the property will be conducted to check the condition of:

- Stormwater drainage structures
- Wastes and recycling areas
- Loading docks
- Outdoor storage material areas
- Fleet vehicle maintenance and repair facilities
- Parking areas
- Any potential or existing stormwater pollution concerns

What if I Receive a Notice of Violation (NOV)?

If your business or facility receives an NOV, the inspector will work with you to identify corrective measures that can be implemented. You will be given a 30 day time period to complete all the recommendations.

If after 30 days the property is still in violation, the case will be turned over to the proper enforcement agency for further action.

Helpful Tips:

- Conduct a weekly visual inspection of your property to catch problems early.
- Conduct a monthly inventory and inspection of all spill control equipment.
- Keep in contact with your inspector if you have questions or concerns about properly maintaining your property to protect water quality.
- Periodically review your responsibilities as a business owner, as stated your SWPPP and SPCC plans.

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Many useful forms, resources, and links can be found on our Stormwater website:

<https://fultoncountyga.gov/services/water-services/stormwater>