

## Rainproofing Checklist for Commercial and Institutional Properties

Follow these 10 easy steps to reduce flood risk and protect water quality:

- Ensure roof drains, eaves, oil and grit separators, and other storm drains are clear of debris at all times.
- Direct downspouts to permeable areas to soak up rain and to reduce icing hazards.
- Require snow removal contractors to have **Smart About Salt training**.
- Consider installing **permeable features** such as dry ponds, rain gardens, bioswales, infiltration galleries and/or permeable paving.
- Have **vehicles washed and maintained at licensed facilities** where spill and effluent containment are required by law.
- Provide **ashtrays** at designated smoking areas to contain cigarette butts.
- Ensure **spill containment systems and plans** are in place for fuels and other hazardous materials.
- Maintain **stormwater management features** like oil and grit separators, ponds, and permeable features as per recommended schedule.
- Remove **animal waste** from paved areas.
- Consider installing a **rainwater harvesting system**.



### Interested in learning more?

Take the virtual **Rain is a Resource online course** or the **Rain Garden Master Class** to learn more about green infrastructure and how to design your own rain garden.

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