

## City of Dripping Springs Emergency Management

# Managing Stormwater on Your Property *Tips For Property Owners*

Property owners are responsible for managing and maintaining stormwater issues affecting their private property. Below are a few ways you can help reduce the impact of stormwater and protect your property.



### Reduce Stormwater Runoff

- Re-direct downspouts – direct downspouts away from impervious surfaces and towards an area where water can soak into the ground
- Plant a rain garden – rain gardens collect and slow the flow of stormwater runoff.
- Install a rain barrel – rain barrels collect and store rainwater that can be reused to water lawns and gardens.
- Plant trees – trees work in two ways to help reduce stormwater runoff. In addition to absorbing stormwater, leaves and branches intercept and store rain to delay the flow of stormwater runoff.

### Protect Your Property

- Elevate or relocate service equipment – in the event of a flood, electrical, HVAC, or other service equipment can be protected by elevating or relocating to an area not likely to be affected by flooding.
- Install a sump pump – sump pumps help keep basements and crawls spaces dry by pumping water out of areas vulnerable to flooding or groundwater.
- Install a flood barrier – flood barriers prevent water from entering areas such as doors, windows or crawl spaces. Flood barriers are available online or from your local hardware store.
- Get flood insurance – the best way to protect your property from flood damage is to get flood insurance.

These are just a few of the ways you can help protect your property and reduce stormwater runoff.



**Questions? Reach out to the City of  
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### Flood Risk Information

During periods of heavy rain, it is important that you know your flood hazard risks and take proper flood safety precautions in case of potential flooding. The National Weather Service will post flash flood warnings or watches when the conditions are present.

### Drainage Ditch Maintenance:

It is generally the property owner's responsibility to maintain drainage ditches in a condition that meet property maintenance standards on their property and/or along the roadway abutting their property.