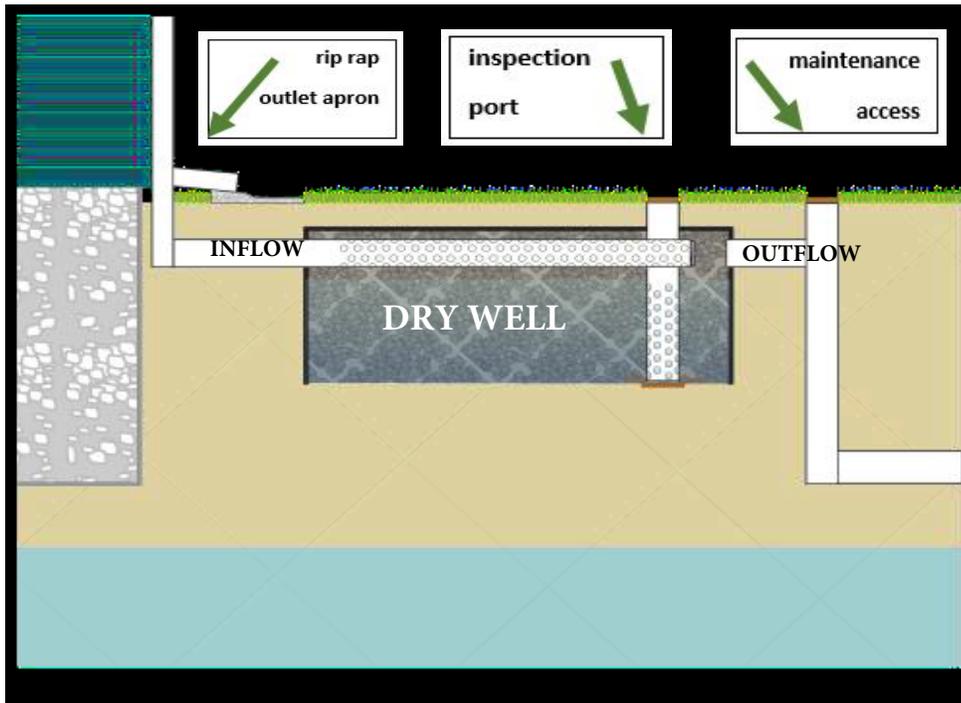


Dry Well Homeowner Maintenance Flyer



A buried dry well needs simple maintenance to keep stormwater flowing into it:

- Debris and Sediment removal.
- Structural Component inspections.
- Water Level Measurements after a heavy rainfall event.

Maintenance you should perform:

As needed:

- ✓ Inspect your gutters after storms to make sure stormwater drains properly to the dry well.
- ✓ Inform contractors working on your property of the dry well's location to prevent accidentally damaging it.
- ✓ Place gutter guards or screens on top of roof downspouts to filter out leaves and sediment before the stormwater reaches the dry well.

Seasonally:

- ✓ Remove leaves and tree debris from flow paths and roof gutters.
- ✓ Repair any damage to gutters or downspouts from snow or ice.



Avoid:

- ✗ Don't let the dry well overflow toward your building foundation.
- ✗ Don't mow over the observation well cap.
- ✗ Don't place decks or other structures on top of the dry well.
- ✗ Don't let children play near the dry well.



Why is it important to maintain your dry well?

An unmaintained dry well may:

- Cause flooding on other areas of your property (including your basement) if the stormwater is not able to flow into the dry well.
- Require complete replacement of the facility, which can be very expensive

By maintaining your dry well, you are doing your part to protect your ground water, local streams and the Raritan River as well as your Neighbor's property.

Recommended maintenance checklist

- Remove Leaves and Debris from Gutters and Rip Rap Aprons*
April through November
- Inspect and Maintain Pipes and Gutters* As needed
- Check Gutters for Ice Damage*
During winter months



Residential dry well example.



Clean gutters will help keep debris from clogging your dry well

Problem solving . . .

Standing water around the dry well

POSSIBLE CAUSE: The dry well or a pipe may be clogged.

SOLUTION: The underground piping or dry well may need to be cleaned or replaced.

Rain immediately flows into the overflow downspout at the beginning of a storm

POSSIBLE CAUSE: The inflow pipe, rodent guard, or underground dry well or a pipe may be clogged with sediment or leaf debris.

SOLUTION: Remove any visible blockages.