



Permeable Pavement Maintenance Instructions *City of Kelso*

Your property contains an on-site stormwater management best management practice (BMP) called "permeable pavement." This BMP was installed to minimize the stormwater quantity and quality impacts of some or all of the paved surfaces on your property. This handout contains maintenance and operation instructions for permeable pavement.

Permeable pavement consists of a porous, weight bearing surface and a coarse base layer. The porous surface allows stormwater to pass through the pavement instead of running off. The coarse base layer temporarily stores stormwater allowing it to infiltrate into the soil below.

The permeable pavement on your property may be one of several types of pavement: pervious concrete, porous asphalt, or interlocking concrete paver blocks. The maintenance practices for the different types of permeable pavement vary only slightly. The composition and area of permeable pavement as depicted on the attached stormwater **Site Development Drawing** must be maintained and may not be changed without written approval from the City of Kelso.

The surface of the permeable pavement should be kept clean and free of leaves, debris, and sediment through regular pressure washing, sweeping or vacuum sweeping.

Sealer may not be applied to the surface.

Maintenance instructions provided by the manufacturer of a proprietary product (e.g. permeable interlocking concrete pavers) should be followed.

A permeable pavement must be inspected after one major storm each year to make sure it is working properly. Prolonged ponding or standing water on the pavement surface is a sign that the system is not infiltrating. If this occurs, contact the pavement installer or the department responsible for managing stormwater within the City of Kelso for further instructions. The owner is responsible for maintaining the infiltration capacity of the pavement and the repair of all ruts, deformation, and/or broken paving units.