

# Slow the Flow with Low Impact Development Practices

As a business owner, you play an important role in keeping our waterways clean and healthy! One way you can help is by installing Low Impact Development practices that collect, slow down, spread out, and filter stormwater into the soil.

### **Practice**

# **In Dry Weather**

# **In Wet Weather**

#### **Porous Pavers**

Permeable pavers and crushed stone can be used in place of traditional asphalt and concrete to pave surfaces. Porous pavers allow water to slowly drain through the paved areas.





#### **Absorbent Asphalt**

These materials allow rain and melting snow to soak into the ground instead of flowing into storm drains.





## **Parking Lot Swales**

Bioswales are vegetated channels that slow, treat, and filter runoff as it flows from one place to another. These features are ideal to place along streets and parking lots.





Business owners can do their part to keep Massachusetts' waterways clean.

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