

Stormwater tip – November 2016

Zinc is listed by the EPA as a priority pollutant. Elevated concentrations are toxic to aquatic plants, fish and wildlife. These high levels are due largely to stormwater runoff from roofing, downspouts, drainage systems and fencing made of galvanized steel. Reduce the zinc levels by coating these items with an environmentally friendly paint or a clear coat or, when replacing, choose a product that is not made of galvanized steel.