

Stormwater Tip:

The EPA recommends planting trees as part of a comprehensive stormwater management strategy. Trees reduce runoff by intercepting rainfall, slowing down flow, and increasing soil infiltration. They also help to purify stormwater by filtering pollutants and reducing the amount of runoff entering waterways.

Here's a breakdown of EPA tips for using trees in stormwater management:

1. Site Selection and Planting:

- **Choose the right tree:**

Select species that are suitable for the local climate and soil conditions and will not conflict with utilities or structures.

- **Proper planting techniques:**

Ensure adequate spacing between trees and other obstacles to allow for healthy growth.

- **Consider the site's topography:**

Plant trees in areas where they can effectively intercept and manage runoff, such as along roadsides, in parking lots, or in areas with high runoff potential.