

# Water Quality Calculator

The **Water Quality Calculator** is based on two methods to calculate the resulting volume. The first method is a Simple Water Quality calculation and the second is the Runoff Reduction Water Quality calculation.

Depending on how the form is accessed the options available will vary:

- **Global Sizing Mode**- When the form is accessed from the [Preliminary Sizing](#) ribbon directly it will show all of the results for all Stormwater Controls and Inflows (if Input Type is 'use Plan Areas') available on the Current Phase. The Stormwater Controls can then all be sized based on the results of the calculation using the Sizing options.
- **Individual Stormwater Control Mode** - When the form is accessed from the [Stormwater Control Sizing Calculator](#) the results will only show the single Stormwater control being sized and the details of the inflows being drained by that SWC (if Input Type is 'use Plan Areas'). This allows the volume required by that single stormwater control to be determined and then used to size it in isolation.

## Simple Water Quality Volume

Water Quality Volume

**Input**

Method: Simple Water Quality Volume

Input Type: User Input

Precipitation Depth (in): 100

Volumetric Runoff Coefficient: 0.750

Area (acre): 1.71

Runoff Volume Proportion (%): 100

Calculate

Equation Used:  $WQv = R(P * Cv * A)$

Input

Results

OK

Cancel

Apply

Help

$$WQv = R(P * Cv * A)$$

*WQv = Water Quality Volume/Treatable Volume*  
*P = Precipitation Depth*  
*Cv = Runoff Coefficient*  
*A = Area*  
*R = Proportion of runoff volume required (defaults to 100%)*

## Runoff Reduction

$$WQv = P * Rv * A / 12$$

*WQv = Water Quality Volume/Treatable Volume (acre-ft)*

*P = The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile storm (inches)*

*Rv = 0.05 + 0.009 \* I*

*I = Percent impervious cover*

*A = Area (acres)*

*Water Quality Volume method used in a number of US regions where Runoff Coefficient (Rv) is calculated from Percentage Impervious including NYS Design Manual and Atlanta Stormwater Manual.*

Both methods allow the *Input Type* to be selected, which allows users to select two options:

- The *User Input* option calculates the resulting volume by filling *Precipitation Depth*, and *method specific variables*.
- The *Use Plan Data* uses the information from the inflows from the plan (*Percentage Impervious/Runoff coefficient* and *Area*) and all that is needed is to fill in *Precipitation Depth*.

#### Results:

When all variables have been set as required click 'Calculate' to generate the result. If inputs are wrong, either a warning will appear on the form or the [Validation form](#) will pop up to indicate the error(s) from the plan data.

The results tab will show the summary table together with a breakdown of the Inflows and Stormwater Controls as required.

Water Quality Volume

Results

Hide Inflow Columns Show SWC Columns

Simple Water Quality (WQv) Report

Target Volume (m³)	Achieved Volume (m³)	Untreated Volume (m³)	Outcome
0.000	21939.596	0.000	Success

Update Stormwater Controls  
Apply Sizing

Breakdown of Subcatchment

Catchment	Apply towards WQv	Downstream SWC	Total Area (ha)	Runoff Coefficient	Resulting Volume (m³)
Catchment Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Soakaway	3.00	1	0.000
Green Roof	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Soakaway	5.00	1	0.000
Roof	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Soakaway	10.00	1	0.000
Total			18.00		0.000

Breakdown of Stormwater Controls

Stormwater Control	Apply towards WQv	SWC Volume (m³)	Lock sizing	Target Volume (m³)	Design up to	Update	Value Required
Soakaway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21342.155		0.000	Exceedence	Length	
Tank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	259.441		0.000	Exceedence	Depth / Area / Volume	
Porous Paving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	338.000		0.000	Exceedence	Length	
Total		21939.596					

Input

Results

OK

Cancel

Apply

Help

Water Quality Volume

Results

Hide Inflow Columns Show SWC Columns

Simple Water Quality (WQv) Report

Target Volume (ft³)	Achieved Volume (ft³)	Untreated Volume (ft³)	Outcome
619151.3	6368.8	612782.5	Failure

Update Stormwater Controls  
Apply Sizing

Breakdown of Subcatchment

Catchment	Apply towards WQv	Downstream SWC	Total Area (acre)	Runoff Coefficient	Resulting Volume (ft³)
Comm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vault	0.09	1	33317.2
Comm (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vault	0.15	1	55065.5
Comm (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vault	0.10	1	35632.0
Comm (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vault	0.32	1	115453.2

Breakdown of Stormwater Controls

Stormwater Control	Apply towards WQv	SWC Volume (ft³)	Lock sizing	Target Volume (ft³)	Design up to	Update	Value Required
Vault	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6368.8		619151.3	Lowest Outlet	Depth / Area / Volume	183925.3 ft³
Total		6368.8					

Input

Results

OK

Cancel

Apply

Help

Select the level to design up to

Click the images above to display full-sized version.

**Toolbar** - The toolbar provides two options that allow the additional columns in the Inflows and SWCs tables to be hidden.

**Summary Table** - This shows a breakdown of the results of the calculation when compared with the current phase or stormwater control. The columns are:

**Target Volume** - The resulting volume that has been determined from the calculation.

**Achieved Volume** - The volume available within the Stormwater Control(s) in the current phase.

**Untreated Volume** - The amount of volume that is currently untreated. i.e. Target Volume - Achieved Volume.

**Status** - Shows the outcome, which will be 'Success' if the Achieved Volume is greater than or equal to the Target Volume or 'Failure' otherwise.

**Inflows Table** - This shows a breakdown of the sub-catchments within the current phase together with the volume they contribute to the Target Volume based on the selected method. This table is only shown if the 'Use Plan Data' Input type is selected. If the calculator is accessed via the SWC Sizing Calculator the contents of the inflows will be limited to just those that directly connect to the SWC or enter it via upstream junctions but do not pass through another SWC. The columns are:

**Catchment** - The name of the Inflow.

**Apply Towards WQv** - Allows the Inflow to be included, or excluded, from the calculations. This will remove it from the Target Volume total in the Summary table.

**Downstream SWC** (Global mode only) - The stormwater control that the given inflow is draining to.

**Total Area** - The total area provided by the catchment.

**Percentage Impervious** - The percentage impervious for the catchment, as specified on the Land Use tab. (only shown for Runoff Reduction).

**Runoff Coefficient** - The value shown depends on the Method being used:

- **Simple Water Quality Volume** - The Runoff Coefficient from the Inflows runoff method
- **Runoff Reduction** - The calculated Rv value. i.e.  $0.05 + 0.009 * \text{Percentage Impervious}$  (specified on Inflow's Land Use Tab)

**Resulting Volume** - The total volume that the individual catchment contributes to the calculation.

**Stormwater Controls Table** - This shows a breakdown of the individual Stormwater Controls complete with the volume capacity they contribute to the Achieved Volume. This table is only shown if the current phase has Stormwater Controls. If the calculator is accessed via the SWC Sizing Calculator the table shows only the Stormwater Control being sized. The column are:

**Stormwater Control** - The name of the Stormwater Control

**Apply Towards WQv** (Global mode only)- Allows the SWC to be included, or excluded, from the calculations. This will remove it from the Achieved Volume total in the Summary table.

**Ponding Volume** - The volume available in the ponding aspect of the SWC. This includes: Bioretention (Ponding Area), Swale (Swale), Ponds, Tanks, and User Defined SWCs.

**Filter Area** - The plan area of the filter aspect of a SWC. This includes: Bioretention (Filter), Swale (Trench), Porous Paving, Infiltration Trenches and Soakaways.

**Filter Depth** - The depth of the filter aspect of a SWC.

**Porosity** - The porosity of the filter aspect of a SWC.

**Filter Volume** - The volume available in the filter aspect of the SWC.

**Resulting Volume** - The total volume available in the SWC. i.e. Ponding Volume + Filter Volume.

**Lock Sizing** (Global mode only) - Allows the SWC to be included, or excluded, from the calculations. This will remove it from the Achieved Volume total in the Summary table.

**Target Volume** (Global mode only) - The Water Quality Volume that has been determined by the calculation of the Plan Area being drained by the SWC. This is the volume that will be used to size the SWC.

**Design Up To** (Global mode only) - Choose the level that the volume will be provided up to when performing a Sizing:

- **Exceedence** - The Exceedence Level of the Stormwater Control.
- **Freeboard** - The Freeboard level of the Stormwater Control. i.e. Exceedence Level - Freeboard depth. Note: Where the freeboard is not specified the Exceedence level will be used.
- **Lowest Outlet** - The invert level of the lowest outlet with a control specified. Notes: If the control invert level is below the base level of the structure (or Ponding/Swale in a Bioretention/Swale) the control will not be considered. If there are no outlets the Exceedence Level will be used.

**Update** (Global mode only) - Choose a parameter that is to be updated when the SWC is resized to the target volume. This list is specific to the type of SWC and most of the options are self-explanatory, e.g. Length, Width, Base Level etc. Two options perhaps needs a little more explanation:

- Areas (for Pond and Tank only). Choosing this parameter to update when specifying a new volume results in the cross-sectional area for each entry in the Tank / Pond's Depth / Area / Perimeter spreadsheet to be scaled by the same scale factor to achieve the specified volume. In addition, the Perimeter value for each entry in the Depth / Area / Perimeter is set to the circular circumference of its new area.
- Number Of Soakaways (for Soakaway only). Choosing this option to update when specifying a new volume results in the Number Of Soakaways parameter being set to the minimum no. of soakaways of the current dimensions that are required to satisfy *at least* the specified volume.

**Update Required** (Global mode only)- The change to the dimension, selected in Update, that is required to meet the target volume. This will only be applied when the 'Apply' button is pressed.

*Note: If a structure cannot be sized based on the currently selected settings 'Unable to size' will be shown. If this is the case, please consider another update dimension and/or design up to setting.*

### **Stormwater Control Sizing:**

When using the form in the Global sizing mode it is possible to perform a sizing of all of the stormwater controls in the current phase via a single click. This is available if the 'use Plan Data' input type is selected on the Input tab. This will enable the Inflows table on the results tab together with the sizing options on the stormwater controls table.

### **Configuration**

Select the required inflows using the 'Apply towards WQv' option on the Inflows table. Any that are unselected will not be included in the calculations, this will be reflected in the Total Target volume shown on the Summary table as well as the individual Target volume shown the downstream stormwater control.

Configure the sizing requirements for each of the stormwater controls:

- Apply Towards WQv - Unselect any stormwater controls that are not to be considered in the overall water quality calculation.
- Lock Sizing - Lock any stormwater controls that are not to be resized.
- Design Up To - Dictate what level the sizing should be completed up to.
- Update - Select the dimension to be adjusted for each stormwater control.
- Update Required - View the update required column to make sure you that the options selected produce a valid result. If not the update option can be adjusted and/or you can make minor adjustments to the stormwater control via the Plan or Tree views.

### **Applying the changes**

Once the sizing options have been configured as required the 'Apply Sizing' button shown next to the Summary table is pressed to actually perform the sizing.

The results will be updated to confirm the new volumes available and the impact on the report will be shown in the Summary table.

### **Committing the changes**

The sizing process can be repeated as needed until a satisfactory result has been achieved.

Then either press the 'Apply' or 'OK' button to commit the changes from the form. This will then update the stormwater controls within the current phase.

Alternatively the 'Cancel' button can be pressed to discard any of the changes made without affecting the design.