

Stormwater Runoff Calculation

Volume of runoff =

surface area x runoff coefficient x rainfall depth

Rainfall	in	ft
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Surface type	Runoff coefficient	Surface area ft ²	Volume of runoff ft ³	Gallons of Runoff	Percentage of Runoff %
Pavement/ rooftop	.98				
Turfgrass: <i>flat</i>	.2				
Turfgrass: <i>sloped</i>	.3				
Gravel/ baseball field	.4				
Playground	.35				
Tree cover	.15				

Total gallons of runoff	
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Bathtubs of runoff (divide gallons by 40)	
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Reflection questions

1. Which surface sheds the most water? Which surface moves water the fastest?
2. How do think pavement and turf grass affect water in a nearby lake or wetland?
3. If you were to design a schoolyard, which surface types would you use more of? Which would you use less of?
4. What would you tell visitors to your school if they wanted help keep water clean?