

CRITERIA AND PROCESS
for
CONSTRUCTION
STORMWATER
GENERAL PERMIT



THE STATE OF WASHINGTON requires permits for managing stormwater and construction site runoff when clearing, grading and excavating in order to reduce pollution in our water ways. We want you to be informed and have all the resources needed to be compliant through your building, landscaping and construction process.



DO I QUALIFY FOR AN EROSION WAIVER?

(City building permits may not be awarded until the proper Washington State stormwater permit or waiver is obtained.)

Because of climate and soil conditions in the Tri Cities, a majority of the construction projects under five acres may qualify for a waiver to this permit. See the Department of Ecology website for more information. www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/ecy070202.html

Or, do I need a Construction Stormwater Permit?

1. Your project site is one (1) acre or more of disturbed ground;
2. Your project site disturbs less than one acre, but is part of a subdivision or other common planned development (such as a binding site plan or large commercial development),
3. There is a potential for polluted stormwater or construction waters to run off your site

If your construction project requires a Stormwater General Permit, The Washington State permitting and compliance process is as follows:

- 1 **Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) application and public notice**
 - Visit Department of Ecology website to download the application.
 - Must apply at least 60 days prior to discharging stormwater.
 - Publish (in the local newspaper) two public notices with pertinent information about the project for two weeks in a row, seven days between publishing dates.
- 2 **Develop and use a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)**
 - Develop and use a SWPPP to show what type and where erosion and sediment controls will be used on the construction site.
 - The most important part of the SWPPP is implementation of Best Management Practices (BMP's).
- 3 **Pay the Department of Ecology permit fees**

There is no application fee, but annual permit fees set by Department of Ecology are based on the size of the acreage of the site and are billed after the permit is issued and annually thereafter until the permit is terminated.
- 4 **Monitor stormwater and inspect Best Management Practices (BMP). The permit requires some monitoring and documentation of stormwater discharges**
 - Permittees must perform visual site inspection of their BMP's to ensure they function correctly.
 - Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL) must do the site inspections which must be done weekly or within 24 hours of any discharge from the construction site.

For details see the Department of Ecology website for a guide called How to Do Stormwater Monitoring: A guide for construction sites.
- 5 **Terminate the CSWGP permit upon completion & stabilization of project**
 - Stabilize all soils, eliminate construction stormwater and remove all temporary BMP's, then send a completed Notice of Termination (NOT) to the Department of Ecology.
 - Permit fees continue until Department of Ecology receives the completed NOT and termination is granted.

All information about the Construction Stormwater General Permit can be found at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES & SMALL PROJECTS
can take simple measures to comply with City
and State requirements involving erosion control
and illicit discharge. Contact your City for details.

EXAMPLES OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OF STORMWATER RETENTION



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT
YOUR CITY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:



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