

Home Improvement & Small Construction Sites Best Management Practices (BMPs)

DO's

- ✓ Protect stockpiles and materials from wind and rain by storing them under secured plastic sheeting and/or with sandbag barriers.
- ✓ Whenever possible schedule grading and excavation projects for dry weather.
- ✓ Always cover and maintain dumpsters. Check thoroughly and frequently for leaks.
- ✓ Clean up leaks, drips and other spills immediately. This will prevent contaminated soil or residue on paved surfaces from blowing or washing into the storm drains.
- ✓ Identify and protect all storm drains, drainage swales and creeks located near the construction site to prevent pollutants from entering them.
- ✓ Use rip rap, sand bags, rocks, and/or temporary vegetation on slopes to reduce runoff velocity and trap sediments.
- ✓ Dispose of all waste properly.
- ✓ **Filter** rain-water accumulated onsite to remove dirt, sediments, and other pollutants **BEFORE** discharging.



DON'Ts

- ✗ Do not wash out concrete chutes into the street or storm drains.
- ✗ Do not throw food wrappers on the ground. [Use a trash can to dispose of food waste and wrappers.](#)
- ✗ Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a storm drain, gutter or street.
- ✗ Never clean a dumpster by hosing it down on-site!
- ✗ Never hose down dirty pavement or surfaces where materials have spilled. Use dry cleanup methods (e.g. absorbent materials such as kitty litter, sawdust, or cornmeal) whenever possible.
- ✗ Never use the street to stockpile dirt, sand and other construction materials that can contribute to stormwater pollution.
- ✗ Do not allow vehicles exiting construction sites to track dirt and mud to the street.
- ✗ Do not discharge **unfiltered** rain-water which may contain sediment, dirt and other pollutants.