

Stormwater Regulations in Hutchinson

All outdoor activities, including construction, are required to prevent pollutants from entering the storm system. Under the City of Hutchinson's Code, Section 19, it is illegal to discharge construction debris and materials into the stormwater system. You are required to prevent construction generated or related pollutants from entering the stormwater system.

How does construction affect the environment?

Stormwater runoff acts as a carrier of pollution picked up from various sources including building sites and transported through drains to our waterways. Litter, sediments, oil and grease all add up to cause an impact on the environment. Sediment is a particular problem because it smothers aquatic life and silts in our waterways leading to flooding problems.

Prevent Pollution and Avoid Fines

- *Do not allow concrete, paints, chemicals, sediment, yard debris, etc. to enter the gutters or storm drains. Store these products out of the rain so they will stay dry.
- *Establish and use an adequately sized concrete washout area to contain all liquids on site.
- *Provide erosion and sediment control to prevent these pollutants from leaving the site.
- *Provide a stabilized entrance and exit for vehicles to prevent tracking dirt off site.
- *Sweep-up surface areas regularly and place the waste in a covered dumpster. Don't use hose water to clean.
- *Store Materials in a secure place to prevent seepage and spillage. Properly dispose of all materials. Do not dump unused or waste products on the ground, where water can carry them to the storm drains.
- *When washing equipment on site, prevent wastewater from entering the storm drains. Do not let the water leave the site.

Inspections

The City of Hutchinson's Stormwater Management Program was established to ensure that the City complies with Federal, State and Local Clean Water Regulations. Field Inspectors and Engineers work together to ensure construction sites are in compliance with these laws.

Violations and Fines

Contractors, site supervisors and property owners will be held responsible for violations. Failure to prevent or clean up illegal discharges will result in fines and could lead to stop work orders.

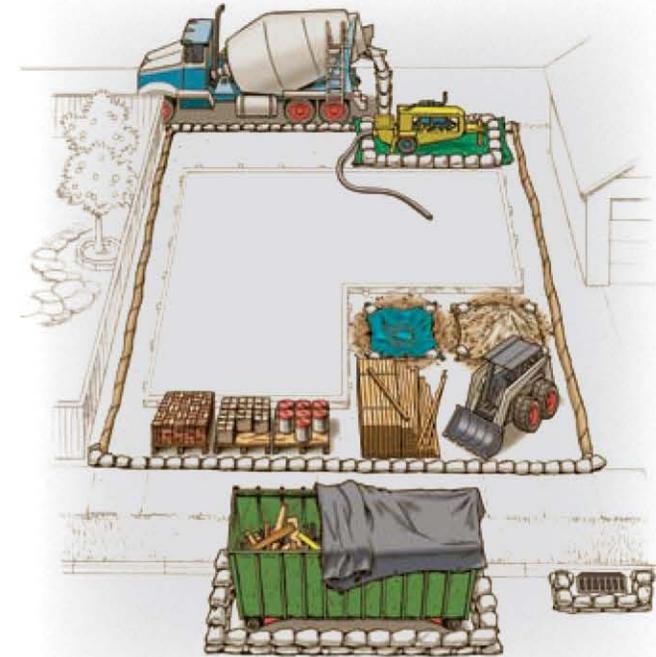
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The Code may be read at:
http://www.hutchgov.com/egov/docs/1277820262_123321.pdf

To report pollution in the storm drains or illicit discharges call the City of Hutchinson's Stormwater Management Coordinator at (620)694-2609



CLEAN CONSTRUCTION



A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Guide for the Construction Industry

CONSTRUCTION SITE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

THE FOLLOWING BMPs MUST BE PROPERLY USED AT ALL CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE CITY TO PROTECT STORM DRAINS AND MINIMIZE POLLUTION

The City of Hutchinson's Code Section 19 (Storm Sewers, Sanitary Sewers, and Sewage Disposal) prohibits pollutant discharges at work sites from flowing into storm drains and polluting our streams. To stay in compliance with the law and keep your project on schedule, make sure BMP's are in place and functioning. Sites must be checked and maintained daily.

PAINT AND STUCCO

All paint and stucco materials stored on the site must be contained and covered. It is illegal to dump unused paint or stucco in the sewer or storm drain system. Do not wash out paint brushes in the street or dump any residues in the storm drain. Paint brushes and spray guns must be washed/cleaned out into a hazardous materials drum or back into the original container and disposed of properly.

PERIMETER CONTROLS

Gravel bags, silt fences and straw wattles (weighted down) are acceptable perimeter controls. It is recommended that these controls are used to surround the entire site. Avoid running over perimeter controls with vehicles or heavy equipment as they can damage the materials. Keep extra absorbent material and/or a wet-dry vacuum on site to quickly pick up unintended spills.

BUILDING MATERIALS/STAGING AREAS

Construction material must be stored on site at all times. Building materials should always be covered when not in use to prevent runoff caused by wind or rain. Flooding must also be prevented by monitoring your site before, during and after rain events to ensure that BMPs are functioning and that there are not any safety issues.

LIMIT LAND DISTURBANCE

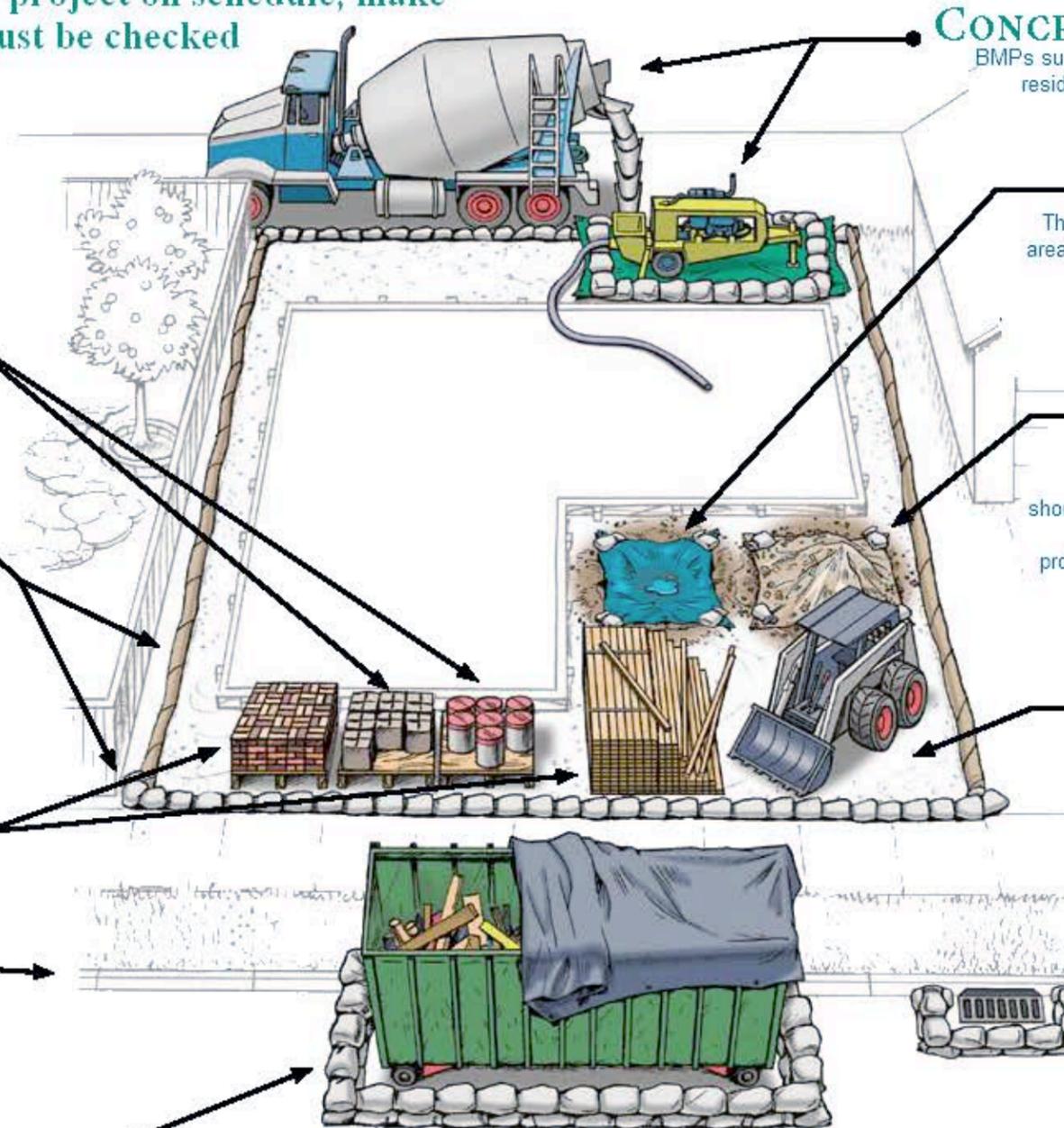
Preserve as much grassed area as possible not only does it improve the appearance of your site, it also filters much of the sediment from stormwater runoff before it reaches the drainage system.

SINGLE GRAVEL ENTRANCE/EXIT

Restrict vehicle access to one entry/exit point where possible. Adding gravel to a single site access location will reduce the amount of soil carried off the site by vehicles.

DUMPSTERS

Always cover dumpsters with a rollback tarp. Areas around dumpsters should be swept daily. Perimeter controls around dumpster areas should be provided if pollutants are leaking or discharging from the dumpster.



CONCRETE TRUCKS / PUMPERs / FINISHERS

BMPs such as tarps and gravel bags should be implemented to prevent materials and residue from entering into the storm drain system. Concrete trucks should clean equipment on the construction site at the washout area or should return to the concrete plant to wash out equipment.

WASHOUT AREA

The disposal of "wet" construction materials should be handled in the washout area. This includes paint, stucco and concrete. Use a berm with an impervious liner to contain the wet materials and prevent runoff in nearby areas. The washout area must be checked and maintained daily to ensure compliance. All dried materials must be disposed of at the landfill.

DIRT AND GRADING

Mounds of dirt or gravel should be stored on site and sprayed daily with water to prevent excessive dust. During the rainy season these materials should be covered. For those areas that are active and exposed, a wet weather triggered action plan including additional BMPs should be in place to protect the site during a rain event. Sites must have adequate tracking control to prevent the transport of dirt/gravel from the site. Any dirt, silt or mud that enters the street gutters shall be removed from the gutter at the end of each day.

EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT

All earthmoving equipment should be stored on site. Maintenance of any equipment should be conducted on site, and mud tracks and dirt trails left by equipment leading to and from the site should be cleaned up immediately.

STORM DRAINS

Storm drains must be protected at all times with perimeter controls, such as gravel bags (Sand bags are typically not used for inlet protection because they do not permit flow-through). Replace ruptured or damaged gravel bags and remove the debris from the right-of-way immediately.

Protecting water resources improves and preserves Hutchinson's quality of life for our children and future generations.

Questions? Contact your local Stormwater Management Coordinator at (620)694-2609

Additional information is provided on the city website at <http://www.hutchgov.com/departments/division.asp?fDD=5-118>

