



You are responsible for the prevention of runoff pollution from the site. You can be fined up to \$1,000 per day and your project can be halted if you do not meet the requirements for prevention of runoff into the storm drain system and local waterways.

Requirements and Tips for preventing pollution runoff from your site:

1) Handle concrete residue, paint, solvents, thinners, solid waste and wastewater properly

- Wash out equipment in dirt, grass or gravel areas, never near the street, so that wash water can soak into the ground
- Call Butte Regional Household Hazardous Waste at 1-866-429-2288 to determine proper disposal of all liquid and solid hazardous waste

2) Install necessary BMPs to manage erosion and prevent sediment runoff

- Use barriers around site perimeter to capture runoff before it reaches storm drain
- Require all construction vehicles and equipment to use one designated entrance/exit. Prevent tracking dirt into the roadway.
- Install and maintain inlet protection devices on downstream storm drain inlets (gravel bags, filters)
- Educate all employees, contractors, subcontractors and delivery companies about steps to take to avoid stormwater pollution
- When possible, schedule construction activity during dry season (May-Sept)
- Stabilize site immediately after all grading and excavation is complete, and prohibit driving on dirt



3) Prevent runoff from outdoor material storage areas, trash areas, and portable toilets

- Anchor portable toilets and place on level surface behind sidewalk, located at least 10 ft. behind sidewalk on pervious surface
- Locate materials storage away from any storm drain inlet, gutter, driveway, stream, wetland, ditch or drainage way
- Cover stockpiles and surround with sediment barriers
- Place stored chemicals in enclosure that can contain leaks and spills (cabinet, shed)
- Screen or wall-off trash container areas

4) Never pump water out of trenches or other sediment-laden water to storm drain system, sanitary sewer, or waterway

- Collect wash water into portable containment device, and discharge to pervious area or haul to approved disposal facility

Property owners AND contractors are equally responsible for preventing pollution resulting from construction activities.

In addition to City fines, failing to prevent contaminated or silty runoff can result in a \$10,000 fine and \$10 per/gallon charge by the State of California.

Tips for prevention of run-off pollution from Post Construction sites:

- Install landscaping features for percolation of runoff (grassy swales, filter strips, rain gardens)
- Install paved areas that drain to landscaped or vegetated areas
- Direct roof runoff, downspouts, and runoff from other impervious areas, toward pervious areas (lawn, vegetated or gravel areas)
- Install infiltration basins/trenches, dry wells, and porous pavement

What is a BMP?

A Best Management Practice “BMP” is any practice used to prevent pollution from entering:

- 1) The storm drain system via the street gutters
- 2) Surface and/or ground waters

Examples of BMP's for sediment containment and filtration:

Silt Fence, Hay Bales, Straw Wattles, Check Dams, Curb Inlet and Drain Filters, Berms and Sediment Ponds

If it isn't rainwater,
it doesn't belong
in the gutter.

For Additional Information
on BMPs visit
www.keepchicoclean.org
or contact the City of Chico
Sewer & Storm Drain Division at
(530) 879-6950



Small Building Site Requirements

Construction sites one-acre or less



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