



Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control Information

Introduction

Mendocino County Ordinance No. 4313 STORM WATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION PROCEDURE (Mendocino County Code Chapter 16.30 et.seq.) requires any person performing construction and grading work anywhere in the county shall implement appropriate Best Management Practices (BMP) to prevent the discharge of construction waste, debris or contaminants from construction materials, tools and equipment from entering the storm drainage system (off-site).

I. Owner, Applicant, Contractor Responsibility to Comply

Failure of owner, applicant or contractor to comply with the approved Building Permit storm water pollution prevention plans, erosion and sediment control specifications, plans and permits, may result in work stoppage, a written citation, monetary fine or any combination thereof.

II. Inspection and Enforcement Authority

By commencing work allowed in this building permit, the owner, applicant, contractor agrees to comply with Mendocino County Code Section 16.30.140 Inspection and Monitoring: "Whenever necessary to make an inspection to enforce any provision of [Storm water Runoff Pollution Prevention] or whenever the County has cause to believe that there exists, or potentially exists, in or upon any premises any condition which constitutes a violation of [Storm water Runoff Pollution Prevention] the County may enter such premises at all reasonable times to inspect the same and to inspect and copy records related to storm water compliance."

III. Pre-Construction and On-going Responsibility of Owner, Applicant, and Contractor to Implement, Plans, Permits and Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Prior to ground disturbance, the owner, applicant, or his/her contractor shall inform all individuals, who will take part in the construction process, the responsibility to implement plans, permits and BMPs to prevent discharges from construction activities from the construction site.

IV. Inspection Records Available at the Construction Site

During any building permit inspection by the County Inspector from October 15 to April 1 for any project operating under coverage of a State Construction General Permit (SWPPP) and under the authority of a County approved Building Permit OR under the authority of a County approved Building Permit the Owner/Applicant/Contractor shall have inspection records available at the construction site and available for review by the County Inspector upon the request of the County Inspector.

V. Construction Site Self-Inspection for BMP Compliance

1. For an applicant who submitted evidence of compliance with the State Construction General Permit (CGP) SWPPP, you are required to comply with the CGP inspection requirements.
2. For non-State CGP projects, the applicant is responsible for inspecting, maintaining, and replacing at all times BMPs in accordance with the County approved Building Permit.

VI. County Code Best Management Practices For Construction and Grading Work

1. As soon as possible, the owner, applicant and/or his/her contractor shall install and implement site-specific effective construction site storm water runoff control BMPs pursuant to the approved building permit plans and specifications or approved SWPPP.
2. Pursuant to Mendocino County Code Section 16.30.70

"Any person performing construction or grading work anywhere in the County shall implement appropriate Best Management Practices to prevent the discharge of construction waste, debris or contaminants from construction materials, tools and equipment from entering the storm drainage system. Best Management Practices as appropriate for each project, shall include, but not be limited to the use of the following:"

1. Scheduling construction activity	10. Wind erosion control
2. Preservation of natural features, vegetation and soil	11. Other soil loss BMP acceptable to the County
3. Drainage swales or lined ditches to control storm water flow	12. Material handling and waste management
4. Mulching or hydroseeding to stabilize disturbed soils	13. Building material stockpile management
5. Erosion control to protect soils	14. Management of washout areas (concrete, paints, stucco, etc.)
6. Protection of storm drain inlets (gravel bags or catch basin inserts)	15. Control of vehicle/equipment fueling to contractor's staging area
7. Perimeter sediment control (perimeter silt fence, fiber rolls)	16. Vehicle and equipment cleaning performed off-site
8. Sediment trap or sediment basin to retain sediment on site	17. Spill prevention and control
9. Stabilized construction exists	18. Other housekeeping BMP acceptable to the county.