

# Do I Need to Use Erosion Control?

~ Yes ~

You've seen the dirt:

- All over the road from trucks leaving a construction site.
- Running down the streets and into the storm inlets.
- On the neighbor's yard from the house being built next door.
- Running into the creek from the nearby construction.

**All these need erosion control.**



To report erosion, contact us.



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## *What is Erosion and Sediment Control?*

It is the planning and use of devices that effectively control erosion during land disturbing activities.

- For construction within the City or Planning Jurisdiction, an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be submitted to the Building Department.
- A Site Disturbance Permit must be obtained from the Building Department before any land disturbing activity begins.
- If 1 acre of land or more will be disturbed, a permit must be obtained from ADEM.
- Any disturbed site left exposed for 30 days shall be planted or provided with ground cover.
- Failure to control erosion can lead to polluted waterways.



## *Erosion Control Objectives:*

- Identify areas subject to erosion (slopes, near waterways, etc.)
- Minimize the area exposed at one time.
- Minimize the time of exposure.
- Control the surface water running over the exposed area.
- Minimize the amount of sediment leaving the project area.



## *Erosion Control Devices:*

- Silt Fence
- Hay Bales
- Seeding/Sodding
- Rip Rap
- Check Dams
- Storm Drain Inlet Protection
- Geotextiles
- Gravel Construction Entrance



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