

Compliance Quick Tips

You are responsible for executing your SWPPP and meeting the requirements outlined in the Construction General Permit. A reminder for some of those basic requirements can be found below (refer to the most current [Construction General Permit](#) for full details/language).

Inspections

At a minimum, you are responsible for ensuring all controls on the site are inspected:

1. after any storm event greater than one-half inch of rain per 24-hour period by the end of the next calendar day; **AND**
2. once every seven (7) calendar days

Record of these inspections needs to either be kept on site or easily accessible if requested.

Compliance inspections conducted by the MS4 you are working within should not be used as a substitute for conducting your own inspections.

Repair & Maintenance

With exception of a sediment settling pond, all controls shall be repaired or maintained **within 3 days of the inspection**.

Sediment settling ponds shall be repaired or maintained **within 10 days of the inspection**.

Stabilization of Disturbed Areas

For areas within 50-feet of a surface water; **Within 2 days** of most recent disturbance if area will remain idle for 14 days or if at final grade.

For all other areas; **Within 7 days** of most recent disturbance if area will remain idle for 14 days or if at final grade.

All sites are not created equal

Always check with your local zoning authority or SWCD for specific regulations.

Find all the resources you need, including the latest version of the *Rainwater and Land Development Manual*, which contains detailed spec sheets for the practices highlighted here and many others, on our website at www.Lickingswcd.com

Why are Controls Needed?

Soil erosion and resulting sedimentation are a leading cause of water quality problems in Ohio and every phase of a construction project has the potential to produce sediment-laden runoff.

Therefore, as a site is developed, all who are associated with the project must do their part to control erosion.

Primary concerns related to erosion and sedimentation include:

Water Quality- Sedimentation not only degrades the habitat of aquatic organisms and fish, but can promote the growth of nuisance weeds and algae, and lead to decreased recreational value.

Flooding- Sediment accumulation in streams, lakes and rivers reduces their capacity, which can result in increased flooding events.

Local Taxes- Cleaning up sediment in streets, sewers and ditches add extra costs to local government budgets. Pollutant loads also impact water treatment costs for local utilities.

Property Values- Sediment deposits not only impair water quality but also damage property, thus reducing its use and value.

Need More Reasons?

Effective erosion and sediment controls help protect water quality, but can also help protect your bottom line. Additional benefits of a tidy construction site include:

- Reduced maintenance costs.
- Reduced downtime and construction delays.
- Enhanced credibility and reputation.
- Fewer public complaints with reduced potential for fines and/or litigation.

Get a Poster to Display on Your Site

Have staff or contractors that are unable to attend off-site and/or paid training opportunities?

The information contained in this handout is also available in poster-format to help bring education directly to the jobsite.

The poster is 30"x40", includes Spanish translations, and is made of weather-proof material with metal grommets for easy installation.

If you are a developer or community in Licking County, contact us to learn how you can get a Clean Water Partner Poster to display on your site!

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Practical tips for protecting water quality on your site



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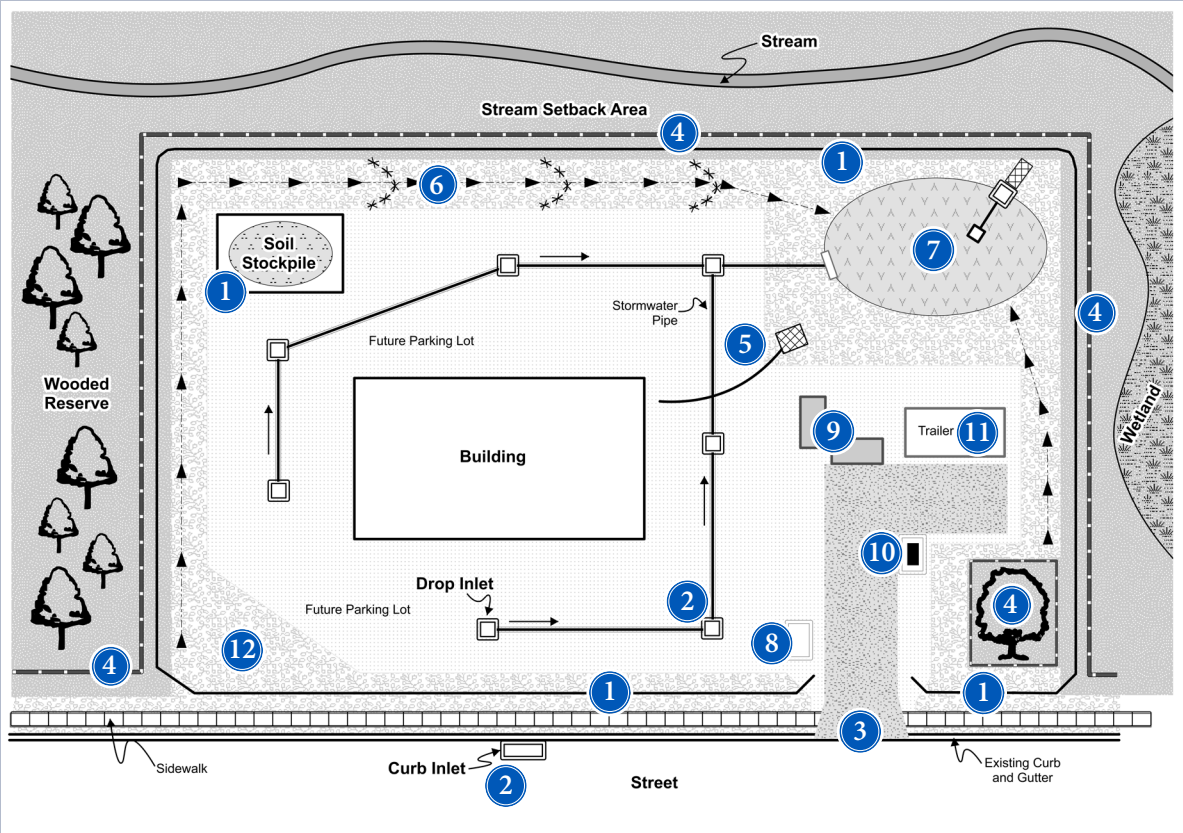
1 Perimeter controls include silt fence, wattles filled with straw or compost, and mulch berms. Check regularly and clean or repair when needed.



2 Inlet protection temporarily ponds water to filter sediment. Clean regularly and keep in place until site is stabilized.



3 Keep entrances clean and safe. Check daily, sweeping up any material.



4 Protect trees & sensitive areas with high-visibility exclusion fence.



5 Dewatering bags collect sediment from excavation pits



6 Swales (may include check dams) divert runoff.



7 Sediment basins are used to collect site runoff to settle out sediments before water is slowly discharged through a surface skimmer. Basins are one of the first practices installed on a site and should be inspected regularly to prevent erosion and ensure outlet structures and skimmers are functioning properly.



8 Contain concrete, mortar & paint waste.



9 Place trash/construction debris in dumpsters



10 Protect fueling areas and know where spill kits and extinguishers are located.



11 View site-specific info at your job site trailer.



12 Just seed it! Bare soil should be stabilized as soon as possible with seed, straw, blankets or sod to prevent erosion.

