



Wet Weather Season Standards

Construction activity during wet weather season (October 15 to April 30) requires additional Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address the impacts of increased rainfall. BMPs are minimum requirements for all construction activity during the wet weather season or times designated by the City Manager or designee. Rain is the driving factor behind most erosion in this area. Eroded sediments can affect adjacent properties and clog catch basins and storm systems. When sediments enter waterways, they block sunlight, limit plant growth, harm aquatic life, and interfere with recreational use and enjoyment. Sediments remove oxygen from the water making it hard for fish to breathe and feed, and may smother salmon and trout eggs. Other pollutants—including nutrients, bacteria, metals, and some toxic substances—attach to sediments and are carried into the waterway.

The City of Eugene's stormwater system includes publicly maintained pipes, culverts, gutters, catch basins, ditches, channels, ponds, wetlands, natural areas and other related waterways. Storm drains in Eugene flow directly to local waterways.

Required Wet Weather BMPs

Gravel construction site entrances to protect adjoining roads and waterways from vehicle tracking off of the site

- Install as soon as possible.
- Lay geo-textile fabric on the subgrade, use three-inch open graded aggregate, minimum six inches thick.
- Construct the entrance/exit to the foundation for a minimum of 50 feet. Do not place gravel in the street to bridge curb.

Protect all stormwater facilities, water features and natural areas

- Identify site characteristics and properly install sediment and erosion prevention measures.
- Save as much existing vegetation cover as possible.
- Reduce runoff by using silt fence, mulch berms, check dams, bio-bags, and inlet protection.

Cover all exposed soil and stockpile areas not currently protected by secondary containment

- Stabilize all exposed soils with seeding, mulch, mats, or plastic sheeting with anchors.
- Use berms or swales to divert runoff.

Sediment, soil, or construction-related material must be removed immediately from right-of-way, adjoining property and natural resources

- Monitor and maintain a good, clean construction entrance and exit.
- Sweep and remove any off-site tracking from streets and sidewalks immediately.
- Monitor and maintain sediment collection devices and keep all work areas clean.
- All violations to wet weather standards are subject to immediate corrective action.

For more information contact:

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