

# **ATTACHMENT A**

**HDOT Construction Best Management Practices Field Manual**  
(SWPPP Section 7.2.10)

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# **Chapter 1**

## **Site Management**

Site Management (SM) BMPs are preventative measures implemented during the planning and/or construction stage of the project, which control potential pollutants at their source through the use of good house-keeping practices.

In this chapter:

- Training;
- Material Management;
- Waste Management;
- Vehicle and Equipment Management;
- Site Planning and General Practices.

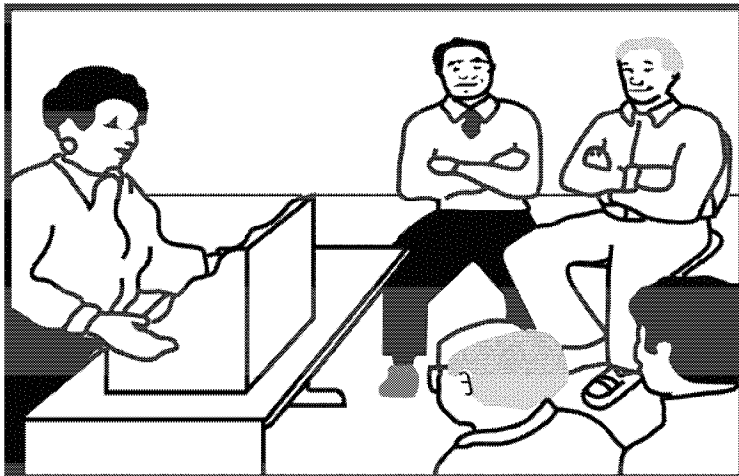
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## Employee Training

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Source: Knoxville BMP Manual, 2003.

### Description

Training programs ensure that all employees understand the requirements of the Storm Water Management Program Plan as applicable to their responsibilities. Training topics include but are not limited to storm water management, potential contamination sources, and BMPs.

### Applications

Employees involved in the planning, design, or construction phase of construction, repair, or maintenance activities within the HDOT Highways rights-of-way.

### Implementation Requirements

- Provide storm water management training through courses, seminars, workshops, product demonstrations, employee meetings, posters, and bulletin boards.
- Provide field training programs conducted by trained personnel.
- Maintain commitment and request input from senior DOT and Highways Division management.
- Promote open communication between employees involved in various stages of the projects.
- Improve storm water quality management based on past experience involving water quality problems at construction sites. Implement revised practices and procedures in training.
- Increase employee awareness of requirements and procedures for BMP monitoring and reporting.
- Develop standard operating procedures for storm water quality management.
- Conduct spill drills.

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# Employee Training

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**Limitations**

- Training performance depends on the degree of employee motivation and incentive to learn about BMP implementation; and
- The availability of staff time to coordinate and conduct training.

**Inspections and Maintenance**

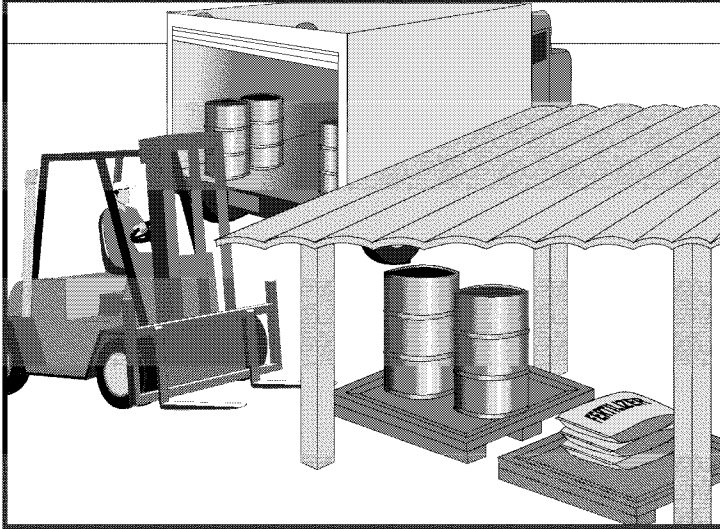
Provide annual training on construction BMP implementation for all employees involved with construction activities.

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## Material Delivery and Storage

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**SM-2**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

### **Description**

Practices and procedures that promote proper handling and storage of construction materials to prevent or reduce storm water pollution, injury to workers or visitors, groundwater pollution, and soil contamination.

### **Applications**

Storage and handling activities on construction sites involving one of the following:

- Soil;
- Soil stabilizers and binders;
- Fertilizers;
- Pesticides and herbicides;
- Detergents;
- Plaster;
- Hazardous chemicals such as acids, lime, glues, paints, solvents, and curing compounds;
- Petroleum products such as fuel, oil, and grease; and
- Asphalt and concrete products.

### **Installation and Implementation Requirements**

- Provide training for employees and contractors on proper material delivery and storage practices and procedures.
- Designate on-site material delivery and storage areas. Areas shall be located near construction entrances and away from watercourses. Earth berms or other containment measures shall surround storage areas.

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# Material Delivery and Storage

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**SM-2**

**Installation and  
Implementation  
Requirements  
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- Flammable materials shall comply with the fire codes of Honolulu. Contact the local Fire Marshal for site specific requirements. Refer to the Flammable and Combustible Liquid Code, NFPA30 for more information.
- Maintain accurate and up to date records of material delivered and stored on-site.
- Minimize on-site inventory.
- Retain a complete set of material safety data sheets on-site.
- Minimize handling of hazardous materials.
- Store materials under cover during the rainy season.
- Store chemicals, drum, and bagged materials on a pallet and when possible, under cover in secondary containment.
- If drums must be stored in an uncovered area, place them at a slight angle to minimize ponding of rainwater on the lids to minimize corrosion.
- Hazardous chemicals shall be well-labeled and stored in the original containers.
- Employees with emergency spill cleanup training shall be present during unloading of dangerous materials or liquid chemicals.
- Any significant residual materials remaining on the ground after the completion of construction shall be removed and properly disposed. If the residual materials contaminate the soil, then the contaminated soil shall also be removed and properly disposed.

**Limitations**

Storage sheds shall comply with building and fire code requirements.

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

- Storage areas shall be clean and well organized.
- An ample supply of spill cleanup materials shall be kept with work crew supplies.
- Conduct weekly inspections of material containers for corrosion.
- Conduct weekly inspections of storage areas which may require repair or replacement.

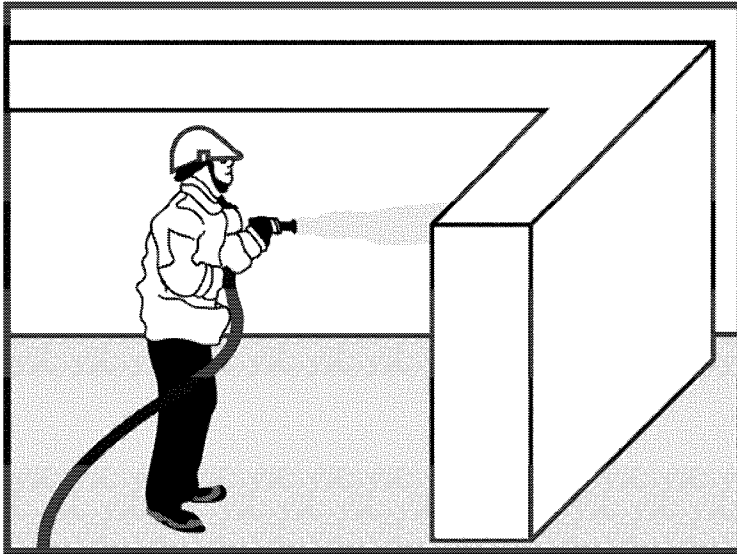


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## Material Use

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**SM-3**



Source: Modified from Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

### **Description**

Minimizing or eliminating the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system or adjacent water bodies by reducing hazardous material use on-site, using alternative products, and training employees in proper handling and use of construction materials.

### **Applications**

Activities involving use of one of the following materials:

- Fertilizers;
- Detergents;
- Herbicides;
- Plaster;
- Petroleum products such as oil, fuel, and grease;
- Soil stabilizers and binders;
- Asphalt and concrete components; and
- Other hazardous materials such as acids, lime, glues, adhesives, paints, solvents, and curing compounds.

### **Installation and Implementation Requirements**

- Restrict use of materials to only when and where necessary to complete the construction activity.
- Reduce or eliminate on-site use of hazardous materials. Refer to SM-9 (Hazardous Waste Management) in this manual for more information regarding use of hazardous materials.
- Carefully select appropriate material needed for the task.
- Do not remove the original label. Comply with manufacturer's labels, which include product information regarding uses, protective equipment, flammability, ventilation, and mixing of chemicals.

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## Material Use

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**SM-3**

**Installation and  
Implementation  
Requirements  
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- Dispose container only after all of the product has been used.
- Restrict amount of herbicide prepared to quantity necessary for the current application. Comply with the recommended usage instructions. Do not apply fertilizers or herbicides during or just before a rain event.
- An ample supply of cleanup materials for spills shall be readily accessible.
- Provide employee training on proper material use.

**Limitations**

Alternative materials may not be available or appropriate for certain construction activities.

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

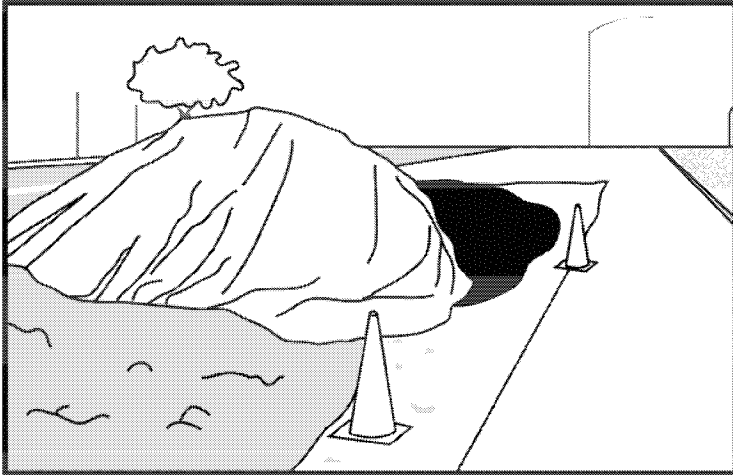
- Provide training to all new employees at the beginning of their employment.
- Provide periodic training to all employees involved in handling construction materials.

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## Protection of Stockpiles

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**SM-4**



<b>Description</b>	Stockpile protection measures reduce the potential for air and storm water pollution originating from stockpiles of construction materials, including soil and paving materials.
<b>Applications</b>	Projects requiring stockpiles of construction materials.
<b>Installation and Implementation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stockpiles shall be located a minimum of 50 feet away from concentrated runoff.</li><li>• Place bagged materials on pallets and under cover.</li><li>• Provide physical diversion to protect stockpiles from concentrated runoff.</li><li>• Cover stockpiles with plastic or comparable material prior to a rain event and during the rainy season.</li><li>• Place silt fence, fiber filtration tubes, or straw wattles around stockpiles.</li></ul>
<b>Limitations</b>	Stockpiles are only applicable for temporary storage of material.
<b>Inspections and Maintenance</b>	Periodic replacement and repair of materials used for stockpile protection.

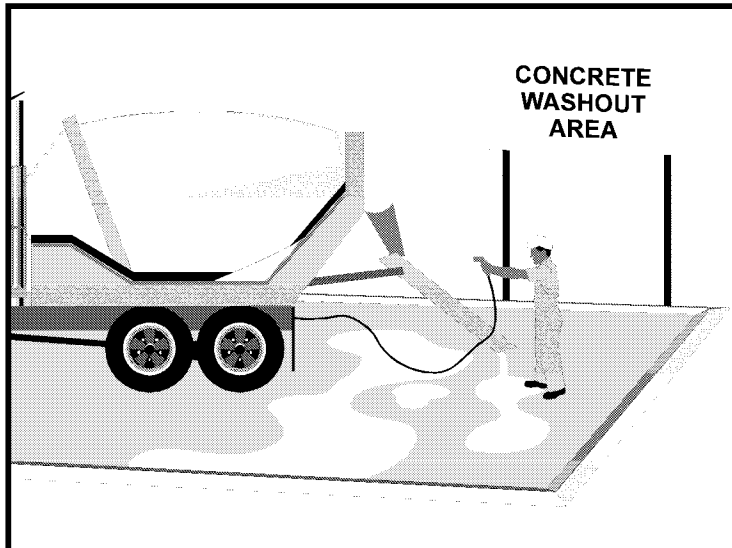
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# Concrete Waste Management

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**SM-5**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## **Description**

Practices and procedures to prevent or reduce the discharge of concrete waste to the drainage system or adjacent water bodies.

## **Applications**

- Projects involving use of concrete as a construction material or demolition activities generating concrete dust and debris.
- On-site wash areas used for concrete-coated vehicles or equipment.
- Activities such as sawcutting and grinding which result in the formation of slurries containing portland cement concrete or asphalt concrete.

## **Installation and Implementation Requirements**

- Properly store concrete materials away from runoff and under cover.
- Avoid mixing excess concrete, if possible. Discard excess concrete in the designated area.
- Wash concrete-coated vehicles or equipment off-site or in the designated wash area. Locate on-site concrete wash area a minimum of 50 feet away from storm drain inlets, open drainage facilities, or water bodies. Runoff from the on-site concrete wash area shall be contained in a temporary pit or level bermed area where the concrete can set.
- Temporary pit shall be lined with plastic to prevent seepage of the wash water into the ground. Allow wash water to evaporate or collect wash water and all concrete debris in a concrete washout system bin.

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# Concrete Waste Management

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**SM-5**

**Installation and  
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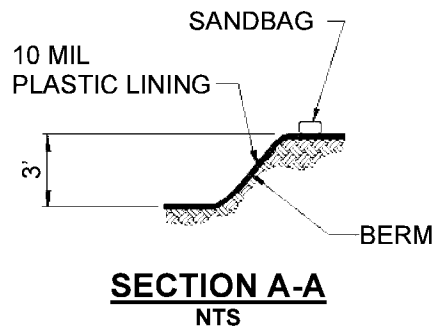
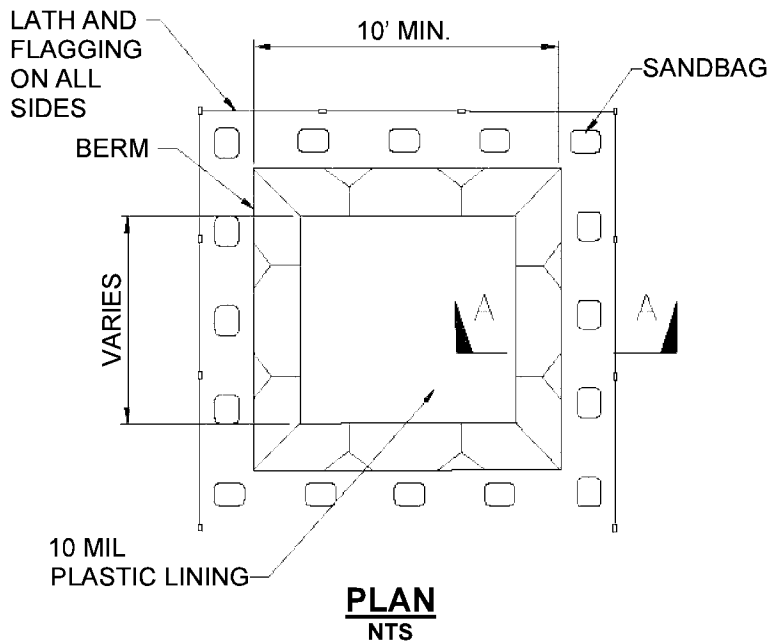
- Break up and properly dispose of hardened concrete from wash area.
- Collect and properly dispose of aggregate concrete sweepings.
- Provide concrete waste management training for employees and contractors.

**Limitations**

Off-site concrete wash areas may be impracticable.

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

- Inspect concrete wash areas for damage and repair as necessary.
- Regularly remove and dispose hardened concrete.
- Monitor contractors to ensure proper concrete waste management measures are implemented.

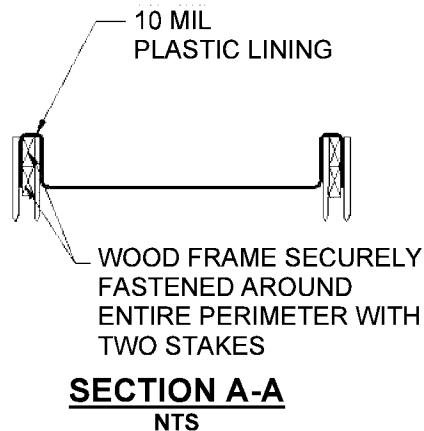
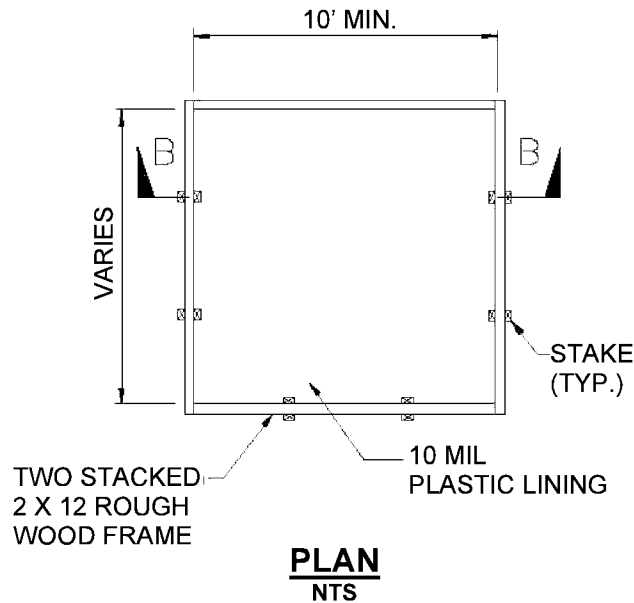


**NOTES:**

1. ACTUAL LAYOUT DETERMINED IN FIELD.
2. THE CONCRETE WASHOUT SIGN SHALL BE INSTALLED WITHIN 30 FEET OF THE TEMPORARY CONCRETE WASHOUT FACILITY.

**WASH AREA (BELOW GRADE)**

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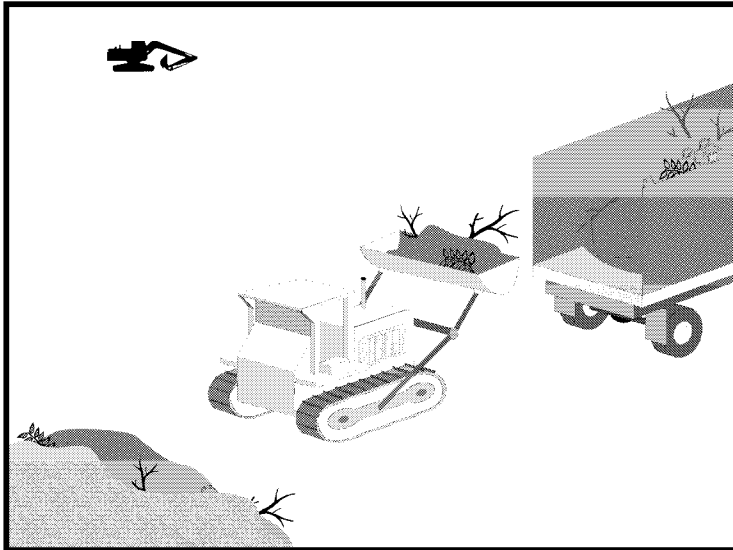
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**WASH AREA (ABOVE GRADE)**

Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.





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## Description

Practices and procedures to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from construction site wastes to the drainage system or adjacent water bodies.

## Applications

Construction projects generating non-hazardous solid wastes from construction and demolition (C&D) activities. These wastes include C&D wastes, inert fill material, and recycle/reuse material.

C&D wastes include materials originating from the demolition of roads, buildings, or other structures. Materials generated from these activities include concrete, brick, bituminous concrete, wood, masonry, composition roofing, roofing paper, steel, plaster, and minor amounts of metals.

Inert fill materials are wastes that are not contaminated with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead-based paint. Inert fill materials do not decompose or produce leachate or other products harmful to the environment. Inert fill materials include earth, soil, rock, cured asphalt, brick, and clean concrete (no exposed steel-reinforcing rod) with no dimension greater than eight inches.

Recycle/reuse materials include but are not limited to: asphalt pavement, cardboard, concrete aggregate (no LBP, asbestos-free), electronic equipment, excavated rock, soil (uncontaminated), Freon from appliances, glass, green waste, metals, ferrous/non-ferrous, used tires, wood and lumbars, furniture, etc.

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# Solid Waste Management

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**SM-6**

**Installation and  
Implementation  
Requirements**

- Separate contaminated clean up materials from C&D wastes. Contamination may be from hazardous substances, friable asbestos, waste paint, solvents, sealers, or adhesives.
- Inert fill material shall not contain vegetation, organic material, or other solid waste.
- Inert fill materials shall not be mixed with other C&D waste.

**Limitations**

None

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

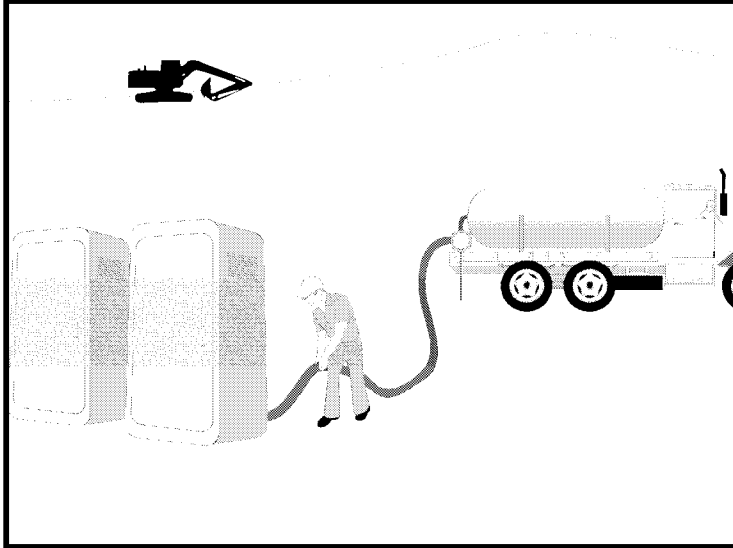
- Inspect construction waste and recycling areas regularly.
- Schedule solid waste collection regularly.
- Schedule recycling activities based on construction/demolition phases.

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# Sanitary/Septic Waste Management

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**SM-7**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## **Description**

Practices and procedures to reduce or prevent the discharge of sanitary wastes from construction sites into the storm drain system or adjacent water bodies.

## **Applications**

Construction sites containing temporary or portable sanitary/septic waste systems.

## **Installation and Implementation Requirements**

- Locate sanitary facilities in a convenient place away from drainage facilities.
- Untreated wastewater shall not be discharged to the ground or buried.
- Comply with the State of Hawaii, Department of Health requirements when using an on-site disposal system such as a septic system.
- Avoid illicit discharges by properly connecting temporary sanitary facilities to the sanitary sewer system.
- Sanitary/septic systems discharging to the sanitary sewer shall comply with the local wastewater treatment plant requirements.
- A licensed service provider shall maintain sanitary/septic facilities in good working order.
- Schedule regular waste collection by a licensed transporter.

## **Limitations**

None

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## Sanitary/Septic Waste Management

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**SM-7**

**Inspections and  
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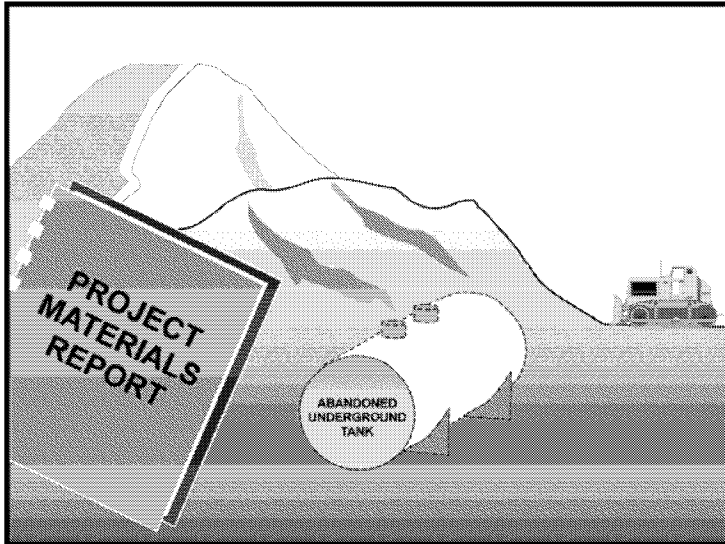
- Inspect and maintain facilities regularly.
- Schedule regular waste collection.
- Prevent illicit discharges.

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# Contaminated Soil Management

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**SM-8**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

<b>Description</b>	Practices and procedures to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to the drainage system, adjacent water bodies, or land.
<b>Applications</b>	Projects in urbanized or industrial areas where previous site usage, undetected spills or leaks, illicit discharges, or underground storage tank leaks may have contributed to soil contamination.
<b>Installation and Implementation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research records of previous site uses and activities.</li><li>• Identify soil discoloration, odors, soil property differences, abandoned underground tanks or pipes, or buried debris to determine possible soil contamination.</li><li>• Prevent leaks and spills.</li><li>• Test soil at a certified laboratory if soil is suspected of contamination.</li><li>• Coordinate with the State of Hawaii, Department of Health for required permits and to determine treatment and disposal options of contaminated soil.</li></ul>
<b>Limitations</b>	Dispose of contaminated soils at DOH-permitted facilities. Transfer contaminated soils via DOH-approved transporter.
<b>Inspections and Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct daily inspections of excavated areas for evidence of contaminated soil.</li><li>• Regularly inspect hazardous waste disposal areas and receptacles.</li><li>• Monitor on-site contaminated soil storage and disposal procedures.</li></ul>

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## **Contaminated Soil Management**

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**SM-8**

**Inspections and  
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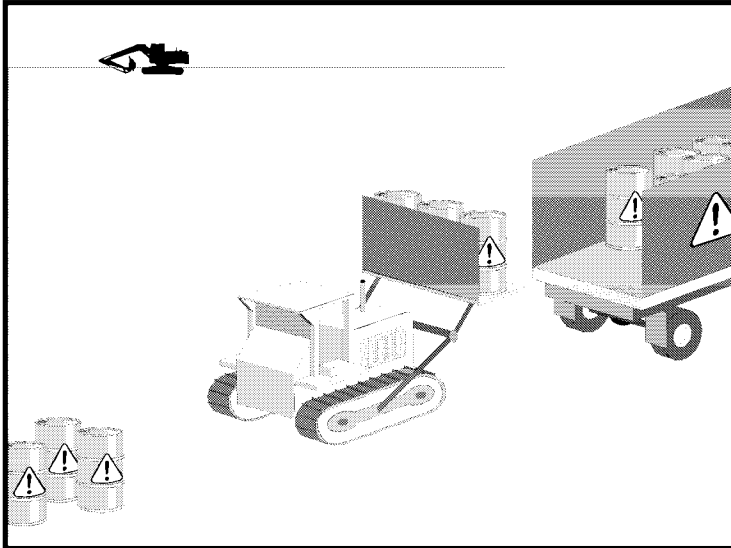
- Prevent leaks and spills by implementing Spill Prevention and Control practices and procedures.

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# Hazardous Waste Management

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**SM-9**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## **Description**

Practices and procedures to prevent or reduce the discharge of hazardous waste to the land, storm drain system, or adjacent water bodies.

## **Applications**

Handling procedures on construction sites involving one of the following hazardous wastes:

- Paints and solvents;
- Petroleum products such as oils, fuels, and grease;
- Herbicides;
- Acids for cleaning masonry;
- Concrete curing and repair compounds; and
- Contaminated waste material.

Hazardous waste management shall also be implemented for wastes from existing structures including:

- Sandblasted material such as grit or chips containing lead, cadmium, or chromium-based paints;
- Asbestos; and
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). Older transformers are a common source of PCBs.

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# Hazardous Waste Management

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**SM-9**

## **Installation and Implementation Requirements**

Recognize potentially hazardous waste by implementing the following:

- Review product label and shipping papers;
- Identify key words such as flammable or ignitable (able to catch fire); carcinogenic (causes cancer); toxic or poisonous (injures or harms people or animals); and hazardous, danger, caustic or corrosive (burns through chemical action). Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 11, Chapter 261 includes a list of hazardous waste and criteria;
- Review material safety data sheets (MSDS) from the manufacturer and supplier of the product; and
- Contact DOH, Hazardous Waste Program Office at 586-4226 for additional questions and information.

Material use practices and procedures for hazardous waste management include the following:

- Dispose container only after all of the product has been used;
- Keep the original product label on the container since it includes important safety and disposal information;
- Restrict amount of herbicide prepared to quantity necessary for the current application. Comply with the recommended usage instructions. Do not apply herbicides during or just before a rain event; and
- Remove as much paint from brushes on painted surface. Avoid cleaning or rinsing water-based paint brushes in soil, streets, gutters, storm drains, or streams. Rinse from water-based paints shall be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Filter and re-use solvents and thinners. Dispose of oil-based paints and residue as a hazardous waste.

Waste recycling and disposal practices and procedures for hazardous waste management include the following:

- Designate areas for collection of hazardous wastes;
- Store hazardous materials and wastes in covered containers;
- Provide secondary containment for hazardous waste containers;
- Keep wastes separate to prevent chemical reactions which make recycling and disposal difficult;
- Recycle useful materials such as oil or water-based paint;
- Avoid disposal of toxic liquid wastes (solvents, used oils, and paints) or chemicals (additives, acids, and curing compounds) in dumpsters allocated for construction debris;
- Schedule periodic waste collection to prevent overflow of containers; and
- Ensure collection, removal, and disposal of hazardous waste complies with regulations.



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# Hazardous Waste Management

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**SM-9**

**Installation and  
Implementation  
Requirements  
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Hazardous waste management training shall include the following:

- Awareness of potential dangers from hazardous wastes;
- Identifying hazardous wastes;
- Proper hazardous waste storage and disposal procedures;
- Safety procedures for hazardous wastes;
- Placement of warning signs in areas recently treated with chemicals;
- Use of cleanup materials for spills;

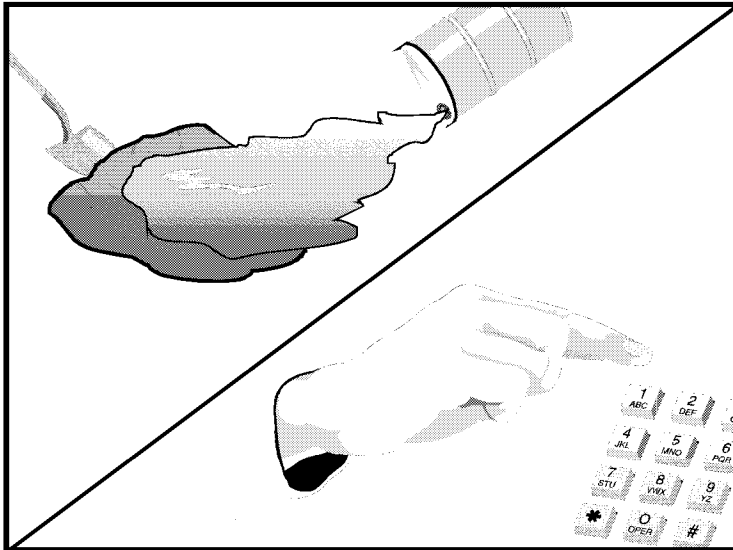
**Limitations**

Hazardous waste that cannot be reused or recycled shall be disposed of by a licensed hazardous waste hauler.

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

- Regularly inspect hazardous waste collection and storage areas and containers.
- Schedule hazardous waste collection regularly.

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Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## Description

Practices and procedures to reduce or prevent leaks or spills which may be discharged into the storm drain system or adjacent water bodies.

## Applications

Construction projects involving the storage of chemicals or hazardous substances.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

General Requirements include the following:

- Store hazardous materials and wastes in covered containers and protect containers from vandalism;
- Maintain an ample supply of cleanup materials for spills shall be readily accessible;
- Train employees on proper spill prevention and cleanup; and
- Review spill response requirements at all applicable work sites.

Cleanup Requirements include the following:

- Immediately clean up leaks and spills;
- Use minimal water to clean up spills on paved surfaces. For small spills, use a rag. For general cleanup, use a damp mop. For larger spills, use absorbent materials. Properly dispose of materials used to clean up hazardous materials; and
- Avoid hosing down or burying dry material spills.

Reporting includes the following:

- Report significant spills to the U.S. coast Guard, Hawaii State Office of Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response, and City and

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# Spill Prevention and Control

## SM-10

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### Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

- County of Honolulu agencies, such as the Fire Department and
- Per federal regulations, report significant spills of oil onto an adjoining shoreline or into a water body to the National Response Center at 800-424-8802 (24 hour).

Vehicle and equipment maintenance activities requirements include the following:

- Use a designated area and/or secondary containment for on-site repair or maintenance activities. These areas shall be located away from drainage courses;
- Complete regular inspections of on-site vehicles and equipment, including delivery trucks and employees' vehicles, for leaks. Do not allow vehicles or equipment with leaks on-site;
- Secondary containment devices such as drop cloths and drain pans shall be used to catch leaks or spills while removing or changing fluids from vehicles or equipment;
- Place drip pans or absorbent materials under paving equipment not in use;
- Use absorbent materials on small spills. Avoid hosing down or burying spills. Remove and properly dispose of cleanup materials;
- Immediately transfer used fluids to the appropriate waste or recycling containers. Avoid leaving full drip pans and open containers on-site;
- Drain excess oil from oil filters prior to disposal by placing filter in a funnel over a waste oil recycling drum. Recycle oil filters if this service is available; and
- Store all cracked batteries in a non-leaking secondary container even if the acid appears to have drained out. Handle dropped batteries as cracked batteries until assured it is not leaking.

Vehicle and equipment fueling activities requirements include the following:

- Use designated areas for required on-site fueling. Fueling areas shall be located away from drainage courses;
- Avoid "topping off" of fuel tanks; and
- Use secondary containment devices such as drain pans to catch spills or leaks while fueling.

### Limitations

Use of a private spill cleanup company may be necessary.

### Inspections and Maintenance

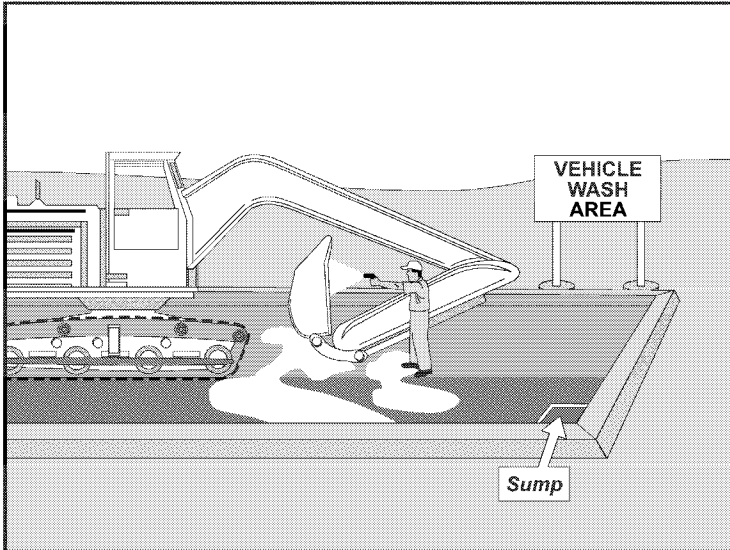
- Update spill prevention and control plans and stock necessary cleanup materials as the chemicals used or stored on-site change.
- Ample supplies of materials for spill control and cleanup shall be located on-site near maintenance and material storage or unloading areas.

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# Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning

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**SM-11**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

<b>Description</b>	Practices and procedures to reduce or prevent the discharge of pollutants from vehicle and equipment cleaning activities to storm drain.
<b>Applications</b>	Construction or maintenance activities involving cleaning of vehicles and equipment.
<b>Installation and Implementation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use off-site vehicle wash racks or commercial washing facilities when practical. Off-site cleaning facilities may be better equipped to properly handle and dispose of wash waters.</li><li>• If on-site cleaning is necessary, designate bermed wash areas for cleaning activities. The wash area may be sloped to facilitate collection of wash water and evaporative drying.</li><li>• Minimize water use to avoid the need for erosion and sediment controls for the wash area.</li><li>• Use phosphate-free, biodegradable soaps.</li><li>• Train employees on pollution prevention measures.</li><li>• Steam cleaning shall not occur in uncontained areas. Significant pollutant concentrations may be generated from steam cleaning.</li></ul>
<b>Limitations</b>	Some soaps labeled phosphate-free and/or biodegradable have been shown to be toxic to fish before the soap degrades. Do not discharge wash water directly into streams.
<b>Inspections and Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Train employees on implementation of revised procedures.</li><li>• Inspect and maintain structural controls.</li></ul>

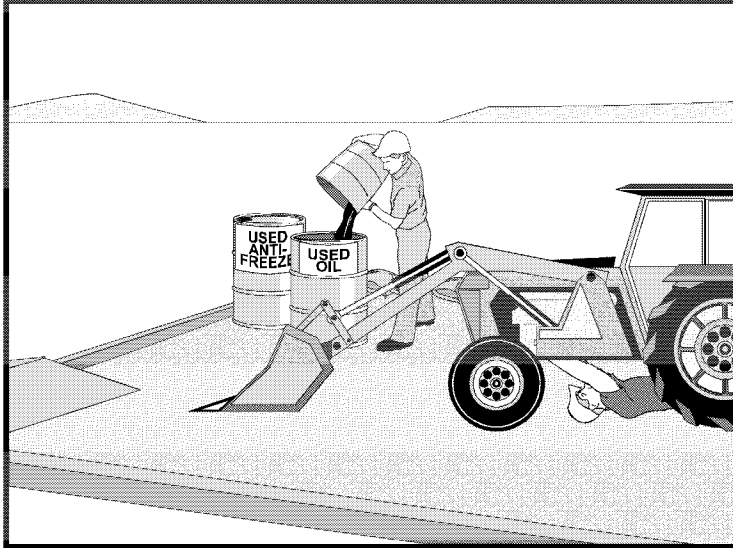
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# Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance

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**SM-12**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

<b>Description</b>	Practices and procedures to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from vehicular and equipment maintenance procedures into the storm drain system or adjacent water bodies.
<b>Applications</b>	Construction sites with on-site areas for storage and maintenance of vehicles and equipment.
<b>Installation and Implementation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prevent excessive accumulation of oil and grease by keeping vehicles and equipment clean.</li><li>• Use off-site repair and maintenance facilities where practical.</li><li>• Designate a maintenance area away from drainage courses to prevent pollutants from entering the drainage system.</li><li>• Place drip pans or drop cloths under vehicles and equipment to absorb spills or leaks.</li><li>• Provide an ample supply of readily accessible spill cleanup materials.</li><li>• Use absorbent materials on small spills. Promptly remove and properly dispose of absorbent materials. Do not hose down or bury small spills.</li><li>• On-site vehicles and equipment shall be inspected regularly for leaks and all leaks shall be immediately repaired.</li><li>• Incoming vehicles and equipment shall be checked for leaks. Leaking vehicles and equipment shall not be allowed on-site.</li></ul>

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# Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance

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**SM-12**

**Installation and  
Implementation  
Requirements  
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- Segregate and recycle wastes from vehicle/equipment maintenance activities such as used oil or oil filters, greases, cleaning solutions, antifreeze, automotive batteries, and hydraulic and transmission fluids.
- Properly dispose of wastes generated by vehicle/equipment maintenance activities.
- Provide employee training on proper maintenance and spill cleanup practices and procedures.

**Limitations**

Off-site maintenance facility may not be easily accessible.

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

- Regularly inspect vehicle and maintenance areas.
- Ample supplies of spill cleanup materials shall be kept on-site.

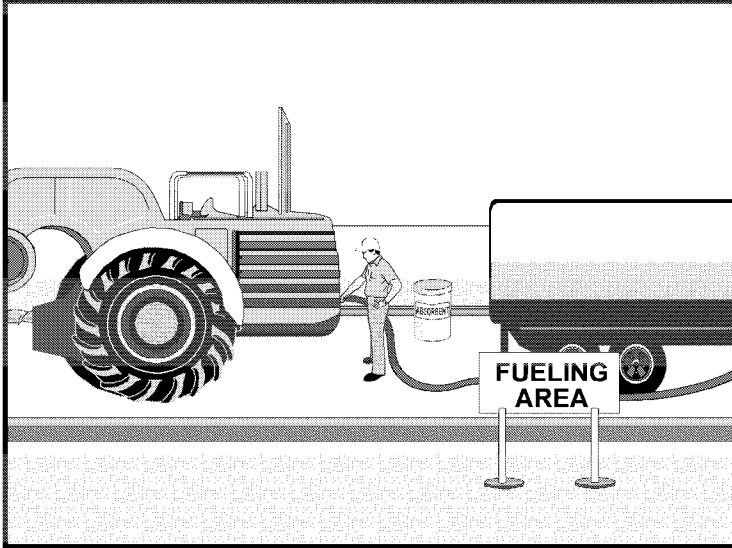


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# Vehicle and Equipment Refueling

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**SM-13**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

<b>Description</b>	Practices and procedures to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to storm water from vehicle and equipment fuel leaks or spills.
<b>Applications</b>	Construction or maintenance activities involving fueling of vehicles or equipment.
<b>Installation and Implementation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comply with Federal and State requirements regarding stationary, above ground storage tanks.</li><li>• Use off-site fueling sites when practical. Off-site fueling sites may be better equipped to service and handle spills due to multiple vehicles or pieces of equipment.</li><li>• If on-site fueling is necessary, locate designated fuel areas away from drainage courses to prevent contamination of storm water.</li><li>• Avoid "topping-off" of fuel tanks.</li><li>• Drip pans or drop cloths shall be used to absorb leaks or spills during fueling.</li><li>• Absorbent spill cleanup materials shall be available and located in fueling areas.</li><li>• Use absorbent materials on small spills instead of hosing down or burying the spill. Promptly remove and properly dispose the absorbent materials.</li><li>• Minimize mobile fueling of construction equipment by transporting equipment to designated areas for fueling.</li><li>• Train employees on proper fueling and cleanup procedures.</li></ul>

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# Vehicle and Equipment Refueling

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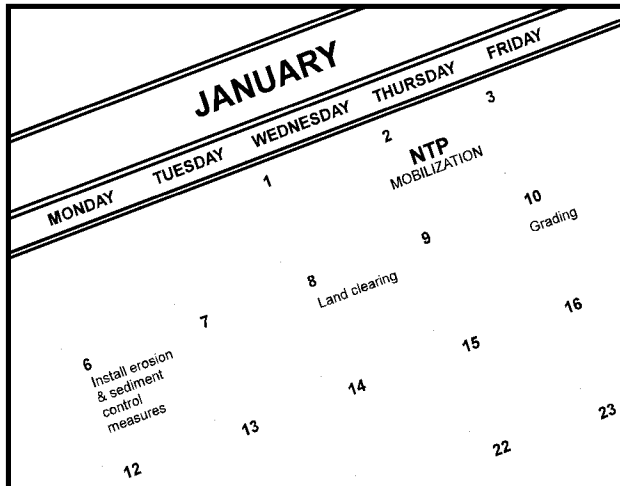
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**Limitations**

Off-site fueling of vehicles and equipment may not be practical.

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

- Ample supplies of materials for fuel spill control and cleanup shall be located on-site near fueling areas.
- Regularly inspect fueling areas and storage tanks.



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## Description

Development of a plan that addresses the sequence of construction activities as it relates to the local climate. Scheduling considerations may minimize soil erosion resulting from exposure to wind, rain, runoff, and vehicle tracking.

## Applications

Proper scheduling shall be used on all projects.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

- Minimize the area of active construction. Limit is 300,000 square feet.
- Minimize work involving soil disturbing activities during the rainy season.
- Schedule disturbed areas to be stabilized prior to additional grading of other areas.
- Minimize duration of time trenches remain open. Schedule trenching activities to ensure trenches are closed prior to excavating new trenches.
- Implement erosion and sediment control year round.

## Limitations

None

## Inspections and Maintenance

- Monitor progress of construction activities relative to construction schedule. Implement remedial measures if progress deviates from schedule.
- Revise the schedule as necessary.

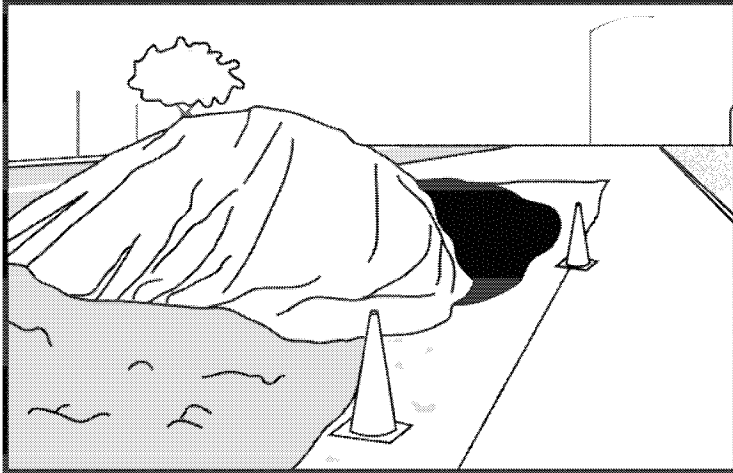
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## Location of Potential Sources of Sediment

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<b>Description</b>	Identify potential sources of sediment to reduce erosion and sediment discharge from construction sites.
<b>Applications</b>	Any potential source of sediment on all projects.
<b>Installation and Implementation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Configure construction site to ensure vegetated areas buffer haul roads and stockpiles. Vegetation provides an effective means of reducing sediment and pollutants discharged off-site.</li><li>• Place stockpiles away from waterways or low spots.</li><li>• Direct off-site runoff away from bare ground.</li><li>• Maintain vegetation in swales and natural drainage ways.</li><li>• Designate naturally level areas for parking and equipment staging during construction.</li></ul>
<b>Limitations</b>	Additional BMPs such as mulching, planting, and structural controls, including berms, silt fences, and silt basins, shall also be implemented.
<b>Inspections and Maintenance</b>	Inspect construction site periodically and after rain to identify areas requiring installation, repair, or replacement of additional BMPs to cover exposed areas or redirect off-site runoff.

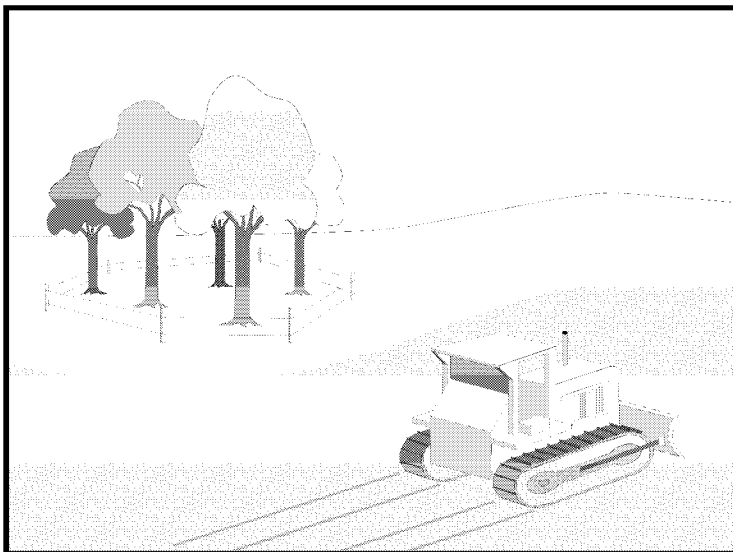
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# Preservation of Existing Vegetation

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**SM-16**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## **Description**

Identification of existing vegetation to remain provides erosion and sediment control on a site with future land disturbing activities.

## **Applications**

Preservation of existing vegetation practices apply to the following:

- Areas on-site where no construction activity occurs or will occur at a later date.
- Areas where the existing vegetation should be preserved such as steep slopes, watercourses, and building sites in wooded areas.
- Natural resources or environmental protection areas requiring preservation by local, state, and federal governments such as wetlands and marshes.

## **Installation and Implementation Requirements**

- Incorporate existing vegetation into landscaping plans when possible. Proper care of this vegetation before and after construction is required.
- Consider aesthetic and environmental values, tree/plant health, life span, sun exposure limitations, and space requirements when determining which vegetation to preserve.
- When preparing the landscaping plans, avoid using vegetation which competes with the existing vegetation.
- Establish setback distances defined by devices such as berms, fencing, or signs. Setback distances are based on vegetation species, location, size, and age. The type of construction activity in the vicinity of the vegetation shall also be considered. Construction activities are not permitted within the setback.

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# Preservation of Existing Vegetation

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**SM-16**

**Installation and  
Implementation  
Requirements  
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- Protect existing vegetation using one of the following methods:
  - Mark, flag, or fence areas of vegetation to be preserved;
  - Designate limits of root system (tree drip line);
  - Tree wells and retaining walls which are large enough to protect the root system;
  - Limit grading to within one foot of the tree drip lines, if grading under the tree is necessary; and
  - Locate construction traffic routes, spoil piles, etc. away from existing vegetation.

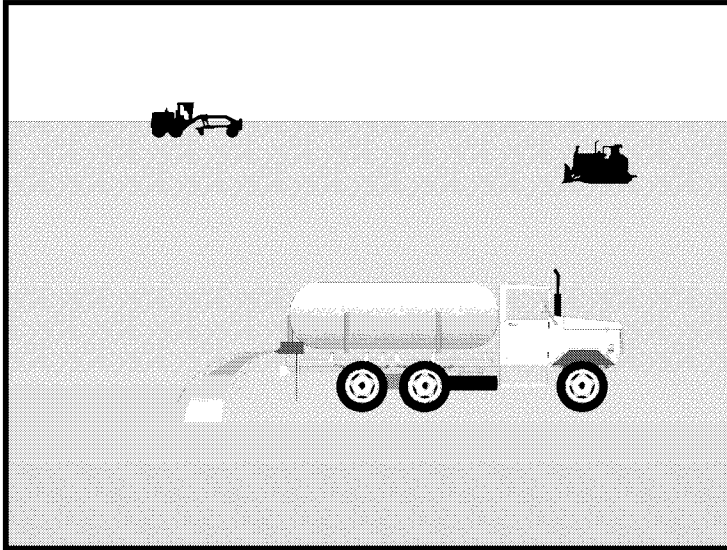
**Limitations**

- Requires advanced planning and coordination between the owner/developer, contractor, and designer.
- Limited use if final site design does not incorporate existing vegetation.
- Diverse site topography may result in additional expenses to satisfy vegetation preservation and the grading required for the site improvements.

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

Inspect protective measures and immediately repair or replace damaged protection measures.





Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

**Description** Application of water and/or dust control measures to minimize erosion due to wind or reduce the amount of dust generated by construction activities.

**Applications** Dust control shall be used on all exposed soils or any construction activity generating dust. Dust control shall apply to the following:

- Clearing, grubbing, and grading;
- Construction vehicular travel on unpaved roads;
- Drilling and blasting;
- Sediment tracking onto paved roads;
- Soil and debris stockpiles;
- Batch drop from front-end loaders; and
- Unstable soil areas.

**Installation and Implementation Requirements**

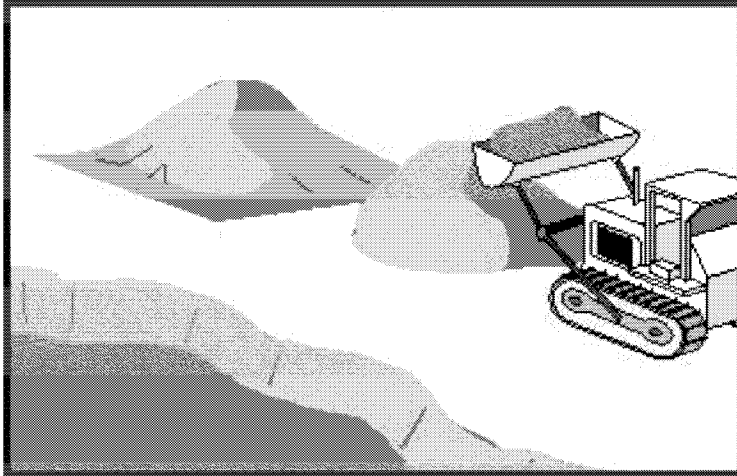
- Minimize exposed areas through the schedule of construction activities.
- Utilize vegetation, mulching, sprinkling, and stone/gravel layering to quickly stabilize exposed soil.
- Identify and stabilize primary entrances/exits prior to commencement of construction.
- Anticipate the prevailing wind direction to minimize the amount of dust generated.
- Do not over-spray water for dust control purposes.
- Direct construction vehicular traffic to stabilized roadways.
- Comply with the 2005 Hawaii Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge in sections 209 and 620.

**Limitations**

- Daily or more frequent applications of water may be necessary since water is a short-term dust preventative.
- Erosion may result from overwatering.
- Oil may not be used for dust control since the oil may discharge into a drainageway or seep into soil.
- Some dust suppression chemicals may cause soil to be water repellent resulting in increased runoff.

**Inspections and Maintenance**

Inspect construction site periodically and after rain to identify areas requiring installation, repair, or replacement of additional BMPs to cover bare ground or redirect off-site runoff.



Source: Truckee Meadows Construction Best Management Practices Handbook, 2003.

## Description

Reuse of native topsoil and other selected materials during revegetation activities. Salvaging, stockpiling, and reapplication of native topsoil are integral to successful revegetation efforts, especially for the reestablishment of native vegetation.

## Applications

- Reestablishment of areas where vegetation with native plant species is desirable.
- Appropriate for sensitive habitat areas, floodplains, wetlands, and stream banks.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

- Conduct a site-specific soil survey of the area prior to soil disturbing activities to assess the location, depth, and amount of soils suitable for salvaging.
- Salvage and stockpile all suitable topsoil and other material for future use during revegetation of the area. Stockpile material in an area free of contamination from demolition or construction activities.
- Refer to SM-4 (Protection of Stockpiles) in this manual when stockpiling salvaged topsoil.
- Carefully remove shrubs suitable for revegetation and store with the roots covered with mulch or loose soil.
- Cover or stabilize soil stockpiles with temporary measures such as mulch or temporary vegetation.
- Apply topsoil or growth medium directly to disturbed areas when practicable.
- Soil replacement depths are determined by factors such as soil depth prior to disturbance, type of vegetation, and physical and/or chemical properties of the material to be covered. A deeper soil layer is required for soils with poor physical and chemical

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# Topsoil Management

# SM-21

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## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

properties. Testing (nutrients, pH, and toxicity factors) of replacement soils and material to be covered shall be completed prior to reapplication.

- Consideration of the following items is necessary when developing a topsoil management plan:
  - Quality and amount of native topsoil or growth medium;
  - Area of surface disturbance to which topsoil or growth medium will be applied and the required depth of application;
  - Methodology for salvaging topsoil or growth medium;
  - Stockpile location, duration of storage, and required erosion control measures to protect stockpile;
  - Feasibility of direct application of salvaged soils; and
  - Availability of other growth media to supplement topsoil reclamation.

## Limitations

- Stockpiles may limit the area available for construction activity.
- Runoff from stockpiles may adversely impact water quality.

## Inspections and Maintenance

- Regularly inspect stockpiles for erosion and stabilize as necessary.
- Inspect stockpile covers to ensure adequate protection from wind and rain.
- Adequately water plantings until they are established.

## **Chapter 2**

# **Erosion Control**

Erosion Control (EC) BMPs are devices installed on a construction site that reduce the erosion potential as a result of land disturbing activities. Erosion Control BMPs serve as prevention measures by stabilizing soil. They are the primary measures of reducing the negative impact of construction activities by preventing storm water pollution.

In this chapter:

- Control construction activities;
- Stabilize soil;
- Minimize disturbed area and protect natural vegetations, streams and soil;
- Control storm water flowing onto and through the project;
- Protect slopes.

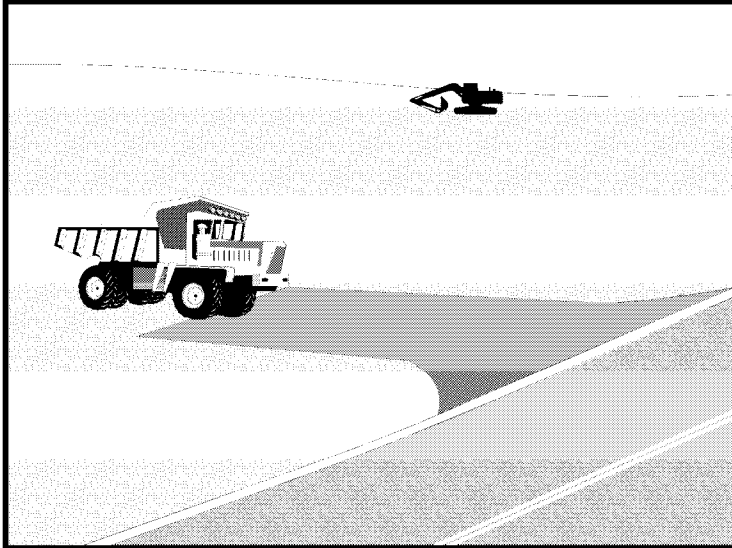
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# Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit

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**EC-2**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## **Description**

Stabilized construction entrances/exits are designated areas for entry to or exit from a construction site. Stabilization of the construction entrances/exits reduces the amount of sediment tracked off-site by construction vehicles.

## **Applications**

Stabilized construction entrances/exits shall be used where access to a construction site from paved roads is required.

## **Installation and Implementation Requirements**

- Grade the stabilized entrance/exit to prevent runoff from discharging off-site.
- Direct runoff to a sediment trap or basin prior to discharge.
- Construct stabilized entrance/exit on level ground where possible.
- Provide ample turning radii.
- Crushed aggregate free of fine material shall be 3 to 6 inches in size. The use of crushed asphalt concrete (AC) is not allowed.
- Depth of aggregate shall be 12 inches thick or as recommended by the soils engineer. Contractor is responsible to design stabilized construction entrances/exit to support heaviest vehicles and equipment that will use it.
- Place geotextile filter fabric beneath the aggregate.
- Dimensions shall be a minimum of 50 feet in length and 30 feet in width. If project site layout will not accommodate minimum dimensions identify additional BMPs to minimize tire tracking.

## **Limitations**

- Surface aggregate shall be periodically replenished.
- A sediment trapping device is required if a wash rack is used in

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# Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit

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**EC-2**

**Limitations  
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conjunction with the stabilized construction entrance/exit.

- If the construction entrance is not preventing sediment from being tracked onto the pavement, then alternative measures to keep the streets free of sediment shall be used. This may include street sweeping, and increasing the dimensions of the entrance, or the installation of a wheel wash. Any sediment that is tracked onto the pavement shall be removed by shoveling or street sweeping. The sediment collected by sweeping shall be removed or stabilized on site. The pavement shall not be cleaned by washing down the street, except when sweeping is ineffective and there is a threat to public safety. If it is necessary to wash the streets, the construction of a small sump shall be considered. The sediment would then be washed into the sump where it can be controlled. Use BMPs for adjacent drainage structures.

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

- Inspect construction entrance/exit weekly during dry periods as well as within 24 hours of any rainfall of 0.5 inch or greater which occurs in a 24-hour period and daily during periods of prolonged rainfall for damage.
- Remove deposited sediment from adjacent roadways or paved areas within 24 hours.
- Replenish surface aggregate periodically.
- Upon project completion, all construction entrances/exits shall be removed by the contractor and restore the area to the condition approved by the Engineer.

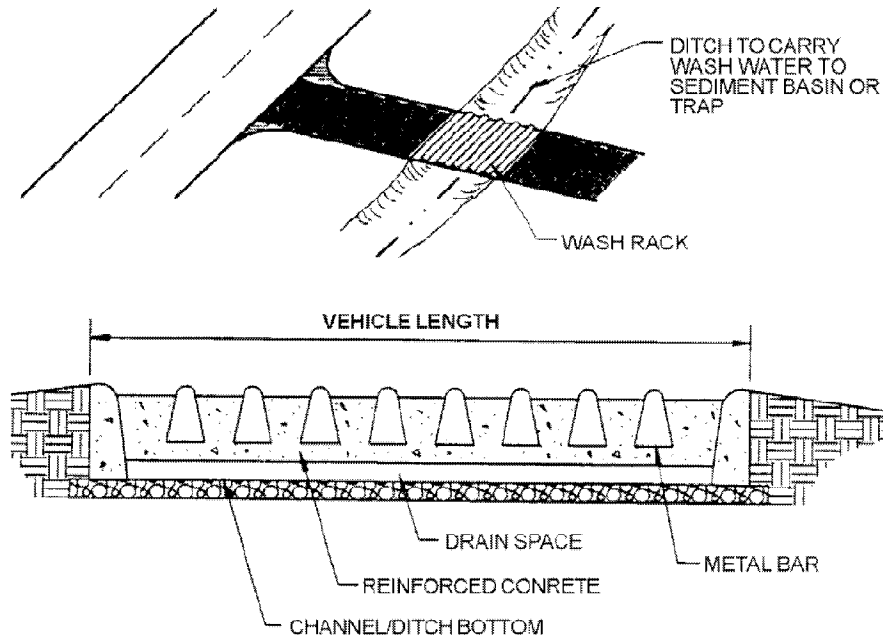


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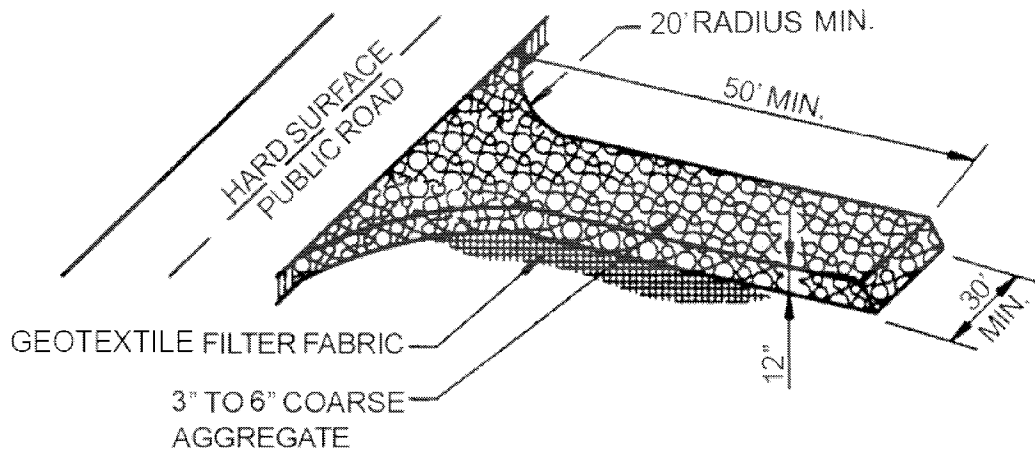
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### WASH RACK (SCHEMATIC)

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### STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE

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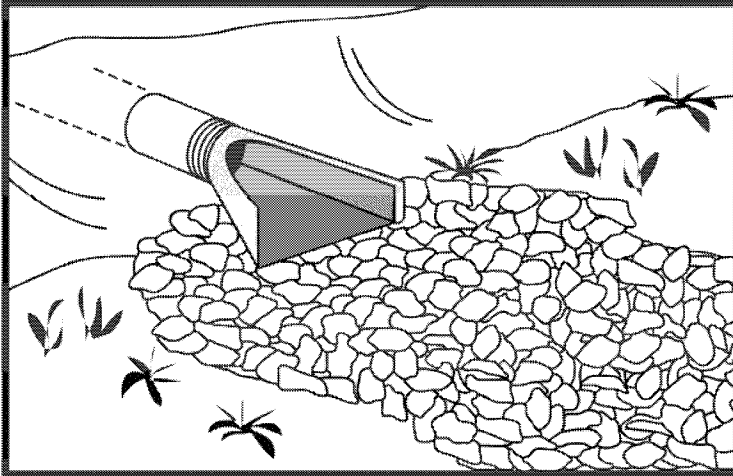
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## Flared Culvert End Sections

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Source: Modified from Knoxville BMP Manual, 2003.

<b>Description</b>	Flared culvert end sections are devices placed at the inlet or outlet of pipes and channels to enhance hydraulic operation while minimizing scour and erosion.
<b>Applications</b>	Flared culvert end sections may be placed at inlets and outlets of slope drains and culverts.
<b>Installation and Implementation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construct on level ground where possible.</li><li>• Supplement with other outlet protection.</li><li>• Protect the transition to the flared end section at inlets to prevent scouring.</li><li>• Obtain guidance from the District Maintenance Engineer or Highways Division's Hydraulic Section and refer to Highways Division's Standard Plans.</li></ul>
<b>Limitations</b>	Limited use as an erosion control measure since primarily used to increase hydraulic efficiency.
<b>Inspections and Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish an inspection schedule and conduct inspections.</li><li>• Monitor accumulation of debris and sediment and remove within 60 days of notification. Immediately clean culverts located where Class AA or Class 1 waters or highway safety may be adversely affected. Refer to HAR Chapter 11-54 for State waters classification.</li><li>• Inspect around and beneath flared end sections for scour. Report any scour for evaluation by the HWY-OM Engineer or Highway Design Section, as appropriate.</li><li>• Establish a repair schedule with priorities based on highway safety and protection of Class AA and Class 1 waters, followed by erosion</li></ul>

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## Flared Culvert End Sections

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**Inspections and  
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potential and possible damage to down-slope areas.

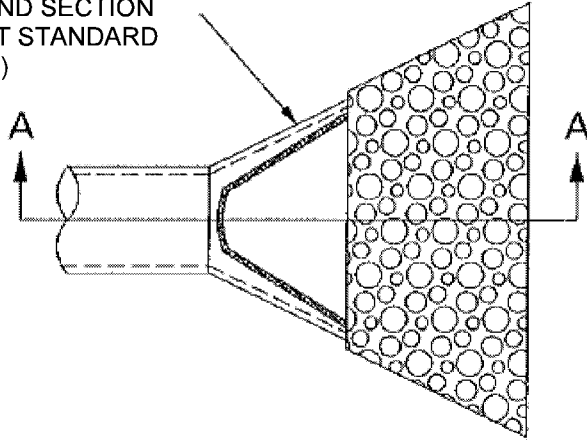
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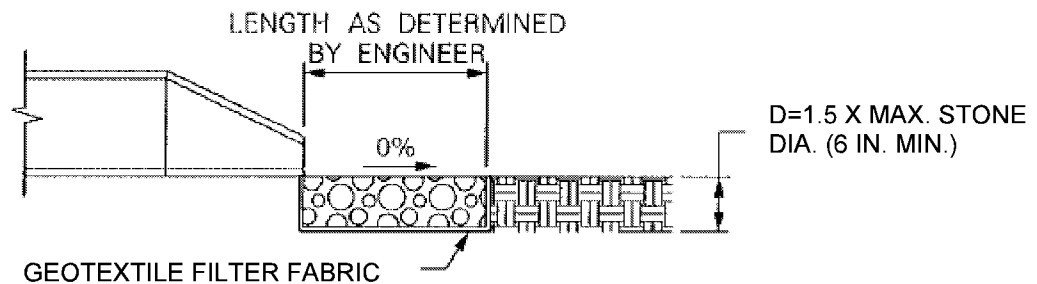
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FLARED END SECTION  
(SEE HDOT STANDARD  
PLAN H-18)



**PLAN**  
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**SECTION A-A**  
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### FLARED CULVERT END SECTION

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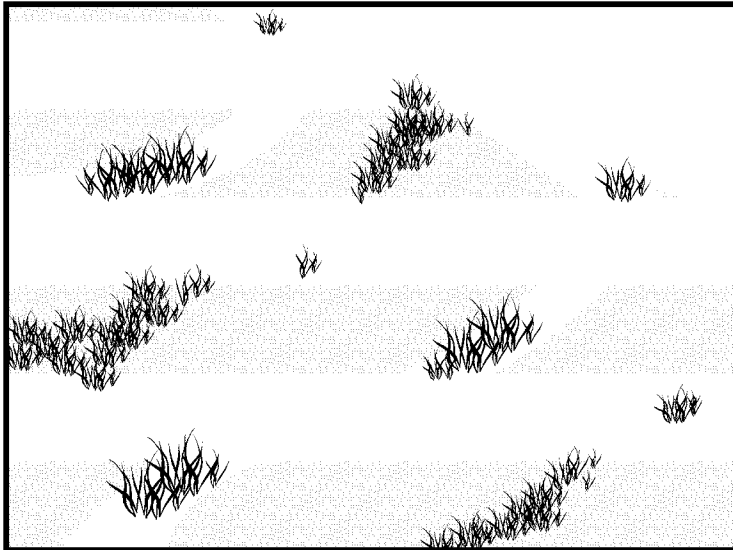
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# Seeding and Planting

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**EC-5**



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## **Description**

Seeding and planting of trees, vines, shrubs, and ground cover for temporary or permanent stabilization of soil.

## **Applications**

Soil stabilization during or after the construction phase applies to the following site conditions:

- Graded/cleared areas without on-going construction activity;
- Open space and fill areas;
- Steep slopes;
- Spoil piles or temporary stockpile of fill material;
- Vegetated swales;
- Landscape corridors; and
- Stream banks.

## **Installation and Implementation Requirements**

Requirements for each seeding/planting application shall be considered and include:

- Type of vegetation;
- Site and seedbed preparation;
- Seasonal planting times;
- Fertilization; and
- Water.

### **Grasses**

- Ground preparation requires fertilization and mechanical stabilization of the soil.
- Short-term temperature extremes and waterlogged soil conditions tolerable.

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# Seeding and Planting

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## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

- Appropriate soil conditions include a shallow soil base, good drainage, and 2:1 or flatter slope.
- Quickly develops from seeds.
- Vigorous grass growth dependent on mowing, irrigating, and fertilizing.

### Trees and Shrubs

- Selection dependent on vigor, species, size, shape, and potential wildlife food source.
- Consider wind/exposure and irrigation requirements.
- Use indigenous species where possible.

### Vines and Ground Cover

- Lime and fertilizer required for ground preparation.
- Use appropriate seeding rates.
- Consider requirements for drainage, acidity, and ground slope.
- Use indigenous species where possible.
- Avoid species which require irrigation.

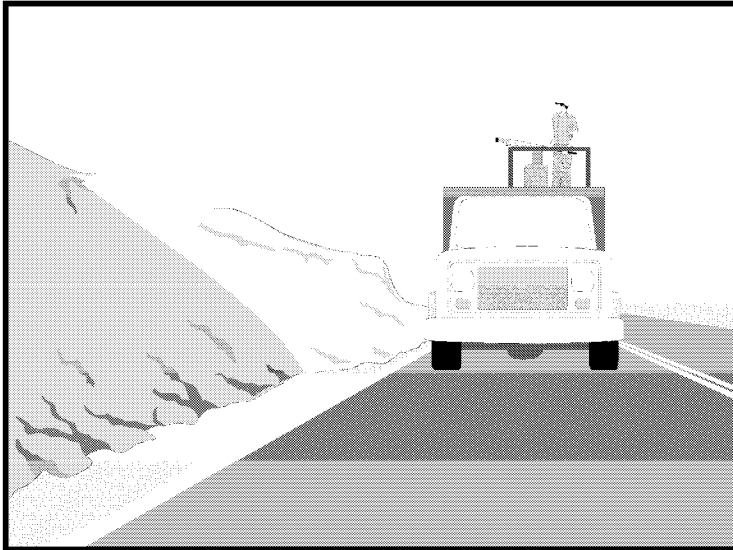
## Limitations

- During dry periods without irrigation, permanent and temporary vegetation may not be appropriate.
- Improper application of fertilizer may contribute to storm water pollution.

## Inspections and Maintenance

Monitor vegetation growth and water, fertilize, mow, and/or prune the grasses/plants as needed.





Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## Description

Application of loose bulk material to stabilize disturbed soil by protecting bare soil, increasing infiltration, and reducing runoff. Materials used for mulching include green material, hydraulic matrices, hydraulic mulches of recycled paper or wood fiber, stone and aggregate, vegetable fibers (hay or straw), and wood/bark chips.

## Applications

- Temporary ground cover until permanent vegetation has been established.
- Method used in combination with temporary or permanent seeding to enhance plant growth.
- Areas requiring soil moisture retention to prevent cracking of the soil.
- Ground cover for exposed soil between trees or shrubs.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

### VEGETABLE FIBERS (HAY OR STRAW)

- Loose hay or straw which may be used in combination with seeding. Mulching usually follows seeding and the process is described in the following:
  - Apply seed and fertilizer to bare soil;
  - Apply loose hay or straw over top of seed and fertilizer prior to seed germination. Apply at a rate of 2,000 pounds per acre by machine or hand distribution;
  - Evenly distribute mulch on the soil surface to cover 80% to 90% of the ground;
  - Maintain maximum fiber length. Average fiber length shall be greater than 6 inches;

## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

- Use a tackifier, netting, or mechanical “punching” method to anchor mulch. Method depends on slope steepness, accessibility, soil conditions, and longevity; and
- “Punching” straw or hay into soil is the preferred method of anchoring mulch for the following conditions:
  - Use a spade or shovel on small areas,
  - Use a knife-blade roller or straight bladed coulter (“crimper”) on slopes with soil, which can support construction equipment without undesirable compaction or instability,
  - Use plastic netting or jute on small areas and/or steep slopes. Geotextile pins, wooden stakes, or 11 gauge wire staples shall secure netting in place. This condition warrants consideration of the use of matting rather than mulch, and
  - Use tackifiers on steep slopes unable to support construction equipment or large application areas where use of nettings, straw, or hay is not cost-effective. Tackifiers glue vegetable fibers together and to the soil surface until the establishment of permanent vegetation.

### GREEN MATERIAL

- Consists of recycled vegetation trimmings such as grass and shredded shrubs and trees.
- Generally applied by hand.
- Temporary ground cover with or without seeding.
- Evenly distribute green material on soil surface. Depth shall not exceed 4 inches.
- Anchor with a tackifier or netting on steep slopes or for areas with anticipated overland sheet flow. This condition warrants consideration of the use of matting rather than mulch.

### WOOD/BARK CHIPS

- Suitable for areas which will not be mowed such as around trees, shrubs, and landscape plantings.
- Test soils prior to application. Add a minimum of 12 pounds of nitrogen per ton of mulch to counteract the effect of decomposing wood-based materials, which extract nitrogen from soil. Use a balanced, slow-release fertilizer or an organic source such as compost.
- Apply mulch by hand.
- Evenly distribute wood/bark chips on soil surface and maintain a mulch depth of 2-inch to tree basins and 4-inch to shrub beds.

### HYDRAULIC MULCHES OF RECYCLED PAPER

- Consists of recycled newsprint, magazines, and other waste paper sources.
- May be applied with or without tackifiers.

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# Mulching

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## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

- Hydraulic mulch materials shall conform to *2005 Hawaii Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction*.
- Mix mulch in a hydraulic application machine (hydroseeder) and apply as a liquid slurry.
- May be sprayed from a cannon up to 200 feet or from a hose up to 1,500 feet away from the application area.
- Mix mulch with seed and fertilizer as specified by the manufacturer. Apply mulch at the manufacturer's recommended rate to ensure uniform, effective coverage.

### HYDRAULIC MULCHES OF WOOD FIBER

- Consists of wood waste from lumber mills or urban sources.
- May be manufactured with or without a tackifier.
- Hydraulic mulch shall conform to *2005 Hawaii Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction* or comply with the following requirements:
  - 100% wood fiber;
  - Maximum moisture content (total weight basis) shall not exceed 12%  $\pm$ 3%;
  - Minimum organic matter content (oven dry weight basis) of 99.3%;
  - Maximum inorganic matter (ash) content (oven dried basis) of 0.7%;
  - pH of 4.9 $\pm$ 10% for a 3% water slurry; and
  - Minimum water holding capacity (oven dried basis) of 1.2 gallons per pound of fiber.
- Mix mulch in a hydraulic application machine (hydroseeder) and apply as a liquid slurry.
- Mix mulch with seed and fertilizer as specified by the manufacturer. Apply mulch at the manufacturer's recommended rate to ensure uniform, effective coverage.

### HYDRAULIC MATRICES

- Hydraulic slurries consisting of wood fiber, paper fiber, or a combination of wood and paper fiber mixed with a binder system.
- Exceeds erosion control performance of blankets due to close contact with soil.
- Apply as an aqueous slurry (with seed) using standard hydroseeding equipment.
- Applications rates vary for different combinations of conditions and products.
- A typical mixture based on one acre of treated area includes the following:
  - 500 pounds wood fiber mulch;
  - 1,000 pounds recycled paper mulch; and

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# Mulching

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## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

- 55 gallons acrylic copolymer with a minimum solids content of 55%.
- Bonded Fiber Matrix (BFM) consists of premixed fiber and binders.
  - After application and upon drying, BFM shall adhere to soil and form a 100% cover. The cover shall be biodegradable, promote vegetation, and prevent soil erosion.
  - Composed of long strand, thermally produced wood fibers (>88% of total volume by weight), held together by organic tackifiers (10%) and mineral bonding agents (<2%), which become insoluble and non-dispersible upon drying. Composition of BFM varies based on supplier.
  - Perform a free liquid quality control test on the liquid slurry.
  - Binder shall not dissolve or disperse upon watering.
  - Upon application to the soil, holes in the matrix shall not exceed 0.04 inches in size.
  - There shall not be any gaps between the matrix and the soil.
  - Minimum water holding capacity of the matrix shall be 1.2 gallons per pound matrix.
  - The matrix shall be free of germination or growth inhibiting factors and shall not form a water resistant crust.
  - Materials used for the matrix shall be 100% biodegradable and 100% beneficial to plant growth.
  - Testing and evaluation of the matrix by an independent research laboratory shall have been conducted to verify reported erosion control performance.
  - A trained and manufacturer certified applicator with knowledge of proper mixing and product application shall install the BFM.
  - Typical BFM application rates range from 3,000 to 8,000 pounds per acre per recommendations from various manufacturers.
  - BFM shall not be applied immediately before, during, or after a rainfall event to ensure a drying time of 24 hours after installation.
- Mulch used as temporary ground cover shall be reapplied to bare areas until permanent vegetation has been established.
- Avoid spraying mulch onto sidewalk, lined drainage channels, travelway, and existing vegetation.

## Limitations

### VEGETABLE FIBERS (HAY OR STRAW)

- Require three-step machinery.
- Labor intensive installation.
- Weed seeds and undesirable plant material may be introduced to sensitive areas.

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# Mulching

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**Limitations  
(Continued)**

- For applications using straw blowers, the applicable area must be located within 150 feet of a road or surface capable of supporting loads from large vehicles. If both hay and straw are available, it is preferable to use straw.

**GREEN MATERIAL**

- Limited commercial availability.
- Variable quality.
- Weeds or undesirable plant material may be introduced to the mulched area.
- Application primarily uses manual labor.
- Unpredictable effectiveness as an erosion control measure. Requires overspray with a tackifying agent to increase effectiveness.
- Application of fertilizer may be required.
- Limit use to non-critical steep slopes and areas where alternative erosion control measures may be readily applied.

**WOOD/BARK CHIPS**

- Poor erosion control effectiveness.
- Anchoring of chips onto steep slopes is difficult due to potential movement from high winds.
- Subject to displacement from concentrated flows.
- Use of a fertilizer with high nitrogen content is required to prevent nutrient deficiency in plants due to decomposing wood-based materials, which extract nitrogen from soil. Improper fertilizer use may contribute to water quality pollution.
- Limit use to non-critical steep slopes and areas where alternative erosion control measures may be readily applied.

**HYDRAULIC MULCHES OF RECYCLED PAPER**

- Limited erosion control effectiveness due to short fiber length and absence of a tackifier.
- Limited moisture and soil temperature moderation.
- Residual inks within mulches may be undesirable in environmentally sensitive areas.
- Significant decrease in longevity compared with wood fiber mulch.
- Difficulty budgeting for this product due to volatile prices for recycled paper products.

**HYDRAULIC MULCHES OF WOOD FIBER**

- Limited erosion control effectiveness.
- Short-term use of one growing season.

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# Mulching

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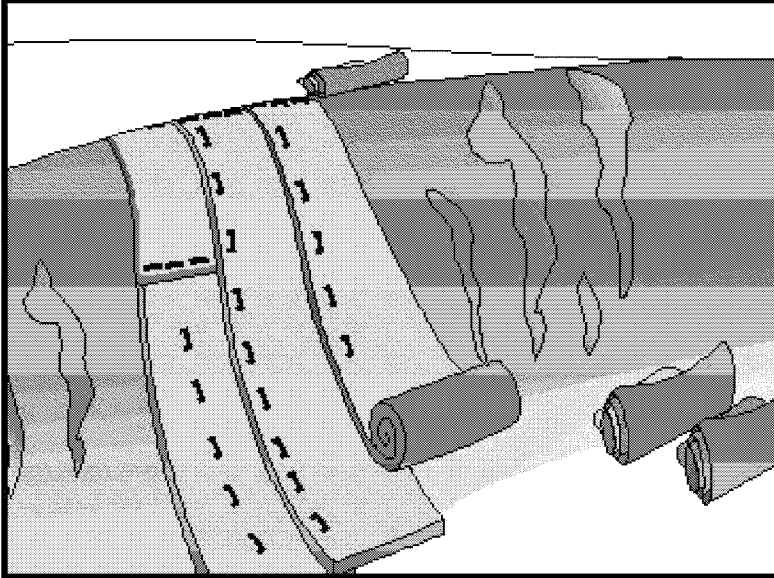
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HYDRAULIC MATRICES

- Avoid application of mulch immediately before, during, or after a rainfall event.
- Requires drying time of 24 hours.

**Inspections and  
Maintenance**

- Mulches applied to seeded areas may be disturbed due to wind or runoff. Recover exposed areas until permanent vegetation has been established.
- Mulches applied to areas, which will be regraded and revegetated, shall be inspected weekly.
- Replace ornamental and landscape mulches of bark or wood chips if soil is visible in more than 75% of the designated area.



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

<b>Description</b>	Natural or synthetic mats to be used for temporary or permanent soil stabilization.
<b>Applications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drainage ditches, channels, and stream banks.</li><li>• Steep slopes.</li></ul>
<b>Installation and Implementation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Apply matting to disturbed soils and areas where vegetation has been removed.</li><li>• Organic matting provides temporary protection until permanent vegetation has been established, optimal weather conditions occur, or construction delays are resolved. Organic matting materials include the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Jute matting; and</li><li>◦ Straw matting.</li></ul></li><li>• Synthetic matting provides temporary or post-construction soil stabilization in both vegetated and non-vegetated areas. Synthetic matting materials include the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Excelsior™ matting;</li><li>◦ Glass fiber matting;</li><li>◦ Staples; and</li><li>◦ Mulch netting.</li></ul></li><li>• Other proprietary devices may be used and shall be installed per manufacturer's recommendations.</li></ul>

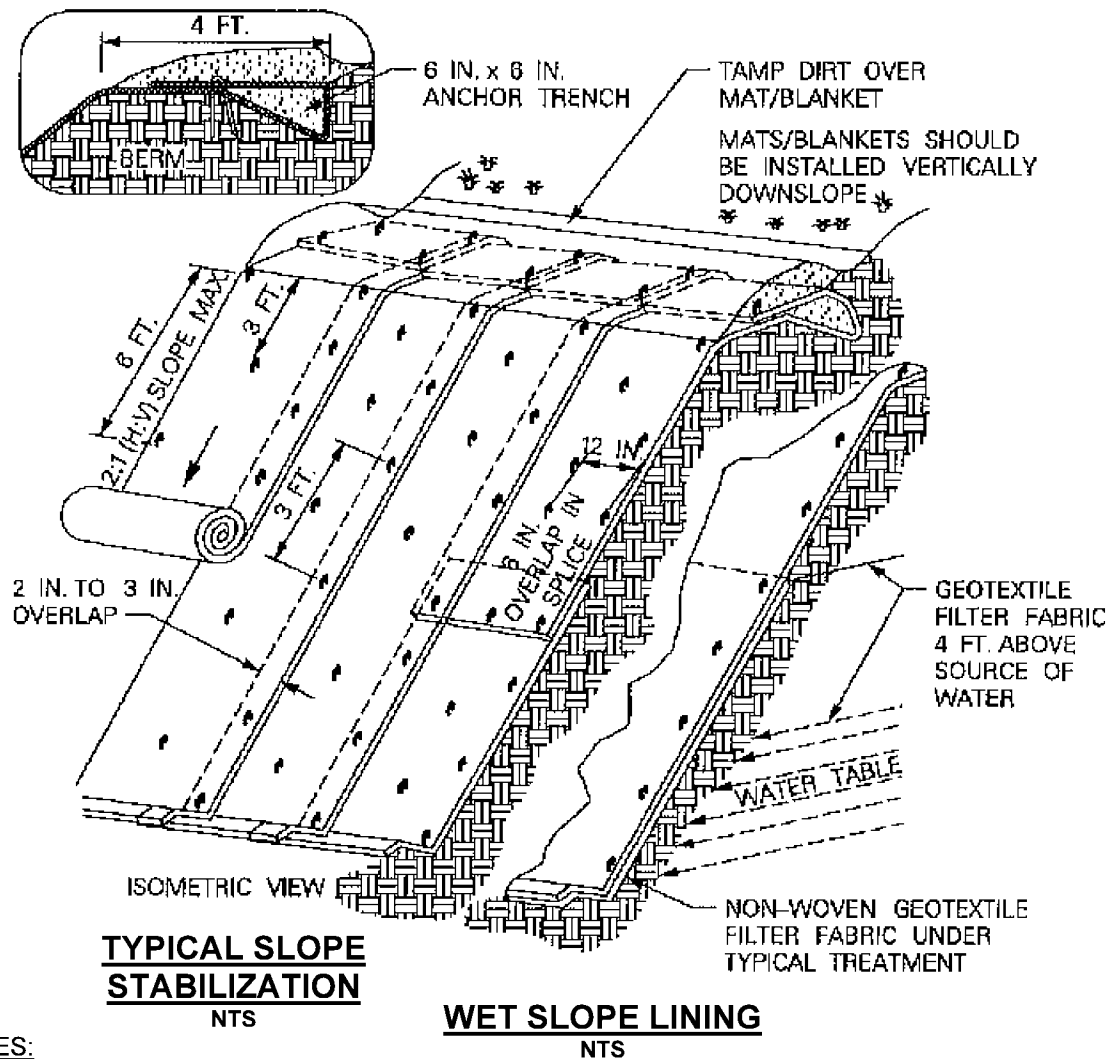
**Limitations**

- Minimize use of matting to areas where other erosion control measures are not applicable such as channels or steep slopes since matting is more costly compared to other erosion control measures.
- Seed germination may be delayed due to decreased soil temperature.
- An experienced maintenance engineer is required during installation.

**Inspections and Maintenance**

Periodically inspect matting after installation.

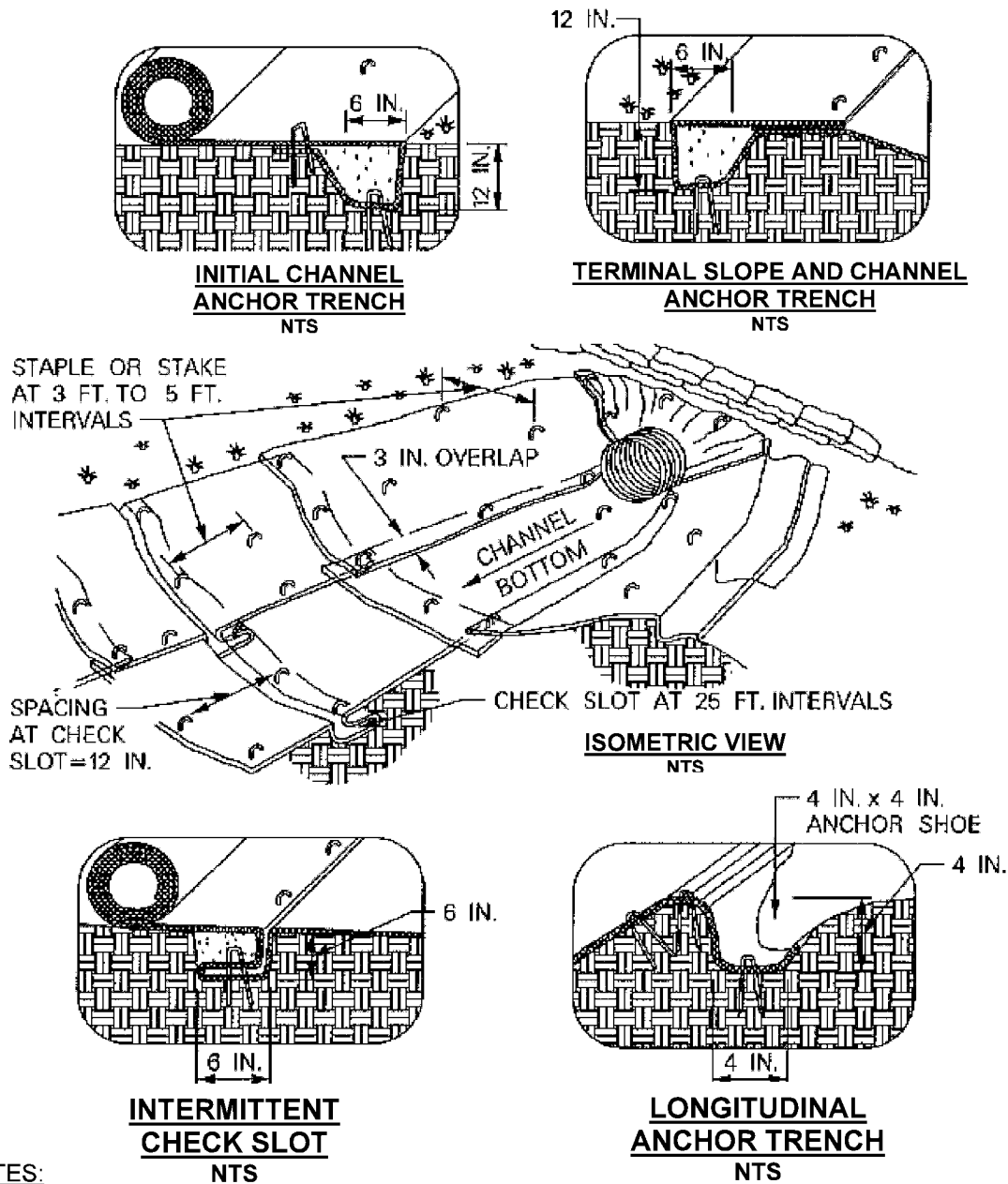




## NOTES:

1. SLOPE SURFACE SHALL BE FREE OF ROCKS, CLOUDS, STICKS, AND GRASS. SOIL CONTACT SHALL BE MAXIMIZED.
2. LAY BLANKETS LOOSELY AND STAKE OR STAPLE TO MAINTAIN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE SOIL. DO NOT STRETCH.
3. INSTALLATION MAY VARY ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

## GEOTEXTILES AND MATS INSTALLATION DETAIL



**NOTES:**

1. CHECK SLOTS TO BE CONSTRUCTED PER MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS.
2. STAKING OR STAPLING LAYOUT PER MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS.

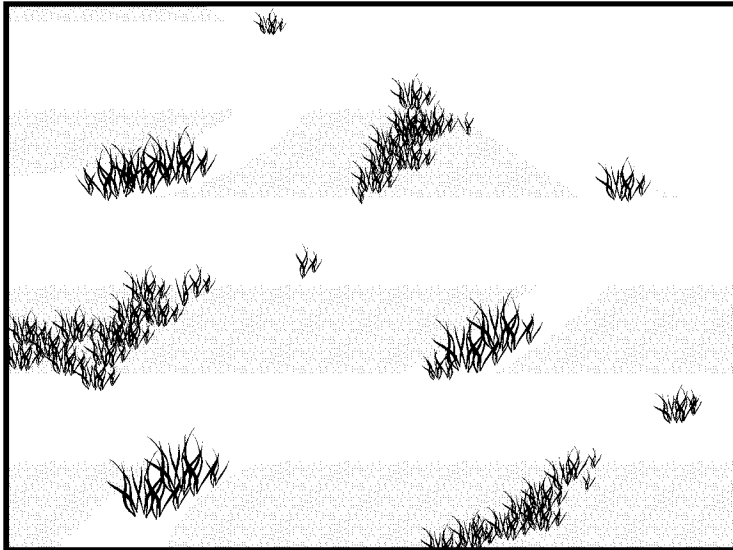
## GEOTEXTILES AND MATS DETAIL

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# Slope Roughening, Terracing, and Rounding

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Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## Description

Methods of slope grading to reduce potential erosion by decreasing runoff velocities, trapping sediment, shortening slope length, and increasing infiltration into the soil.

## Applications

- Areas where seeding, planting, and mulching erosion control measures may be enhanced by roughening of the soil surface.
- Graded areas with smooth, hard surfaces.
- Areas requiring terracing to shorten the slope length.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

### CUT SLOPE ROUGHENING

- Cut slopes steeper than 3:1 (H:V) shall use stair-step grading or furrows.
- Use stair-step grading on soft soils that may be ripped by a bulldozer. Stair-step grading is particularly suitable for slopes consisting of soft rock with some subsoil.
- The vertical cut distance shall be less than the horizontal distance. The “step” shall drain towards the slope.
- Avoid individual vertical cuts greater than 24 inches high in soft materials or greater than 36 inches high in rocky materials.
- Create ridges and depressions along the slope contours using machinery.

### FILL SLOPE ROUGHENING

- Fill slopes steeper than 3:1 (H:V) shall be placed in lifts not exceeding 9 inches. Each lift shall be properly compacted.
- Slope faces shall consist of 4 to 6 inches of loose and uncompacted

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# Slope Roughening, Terracing, and Rounding

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## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

- soil.
- Grooving or tracking shall be used to roughen slope faces as necessary.
- Apply seed, fertilizer, and mulch. Track or punch in the mulch. Refer to EC-6 (Mulching) and EC-5 (Seeding and Planting) in this manual for additional information.
- The final slope face shall not be bladed or scraped.

### CUTS, FILLS, AND GRADED AREAS

- Slopes that will be maintained by mowing shall be no steeper than 3:1 (H:V).
- Create shallow grooves by normal tilling, disking, harrowing, or use of a cultivator-seeder. Final pass of tillage shall be along the contour. Spacing between grooves shall be 10 inches or less. Groove depth shall be a minimum of 1 inch.

### ROUGHENING WITH TRACKED MACHINERY

- Roughening with tracked machinery is only applicable to soils with a sandy texture. Other types of soil may be over-compacted by tracked machinery.
- Leave horizontal depressions in the soil by operating tracked machinery up and down the slope. During the final grading operation, do not back blade.
- Roughened areas shall be seeded and mulched for optimum seed germination and growth.

### TERRACING

- Slope grades of 5:1 (H:V) shall include terraces or benches when slope heights exceed 30 feet. Steeper slope or highly erosive soil conditions may warrant terraces or benches for slope heights of 15 feet or higher.
- Runoff collected along terraces and benches shall be routed to lined diversion ditches. Install lined diversion ditches at the intersection of the terrace and slope.

### ROUNDING

- All slopes shall be rounded with no sharp breaks in plan or profile.

## Limitations

- Since terracing is permanent, design and approval shall be under the direction of a licensed, qualified engineer.
- Design of terraces shall provide adequate drainage and stabilized outlets.
- Roughening may result in increased grading costs and sloughing in soil.

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## **Slope Roughening, Terracing, and Rounding**

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**Limitations  
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- Stair-step grading may not be applicable to sandy, steep, or shallow soils.
- During intense rainfall events, roughening may not be an effective temporary erosion control measure.

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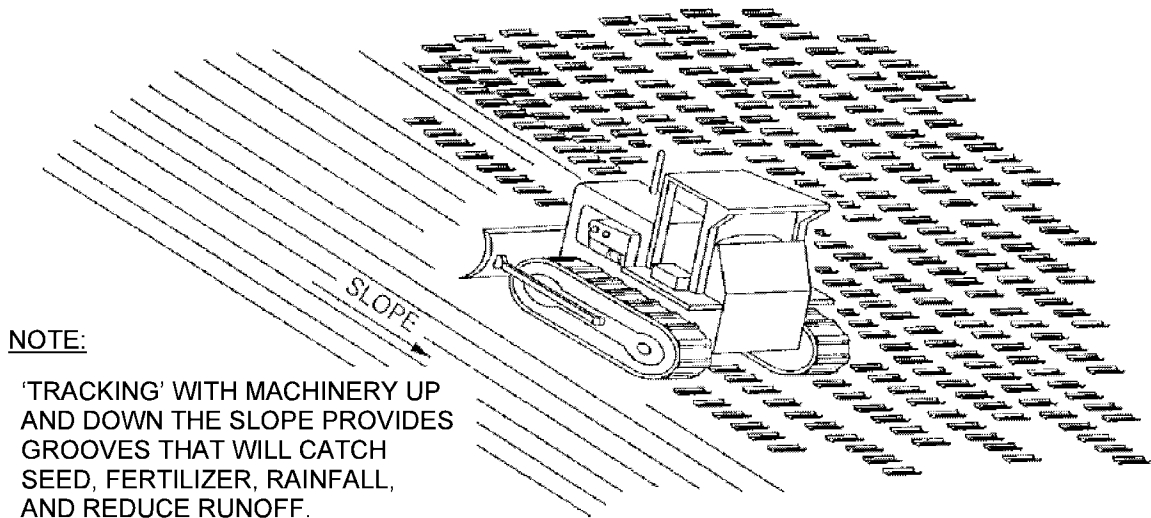
Inspect seeded and planted slopes for rills and gullies weekly during dry periods as well as within 24 hours of any rainfall of 0.5 inch or greater which occurs in a 24-hour period and daily during periods of prolonged rainfall.

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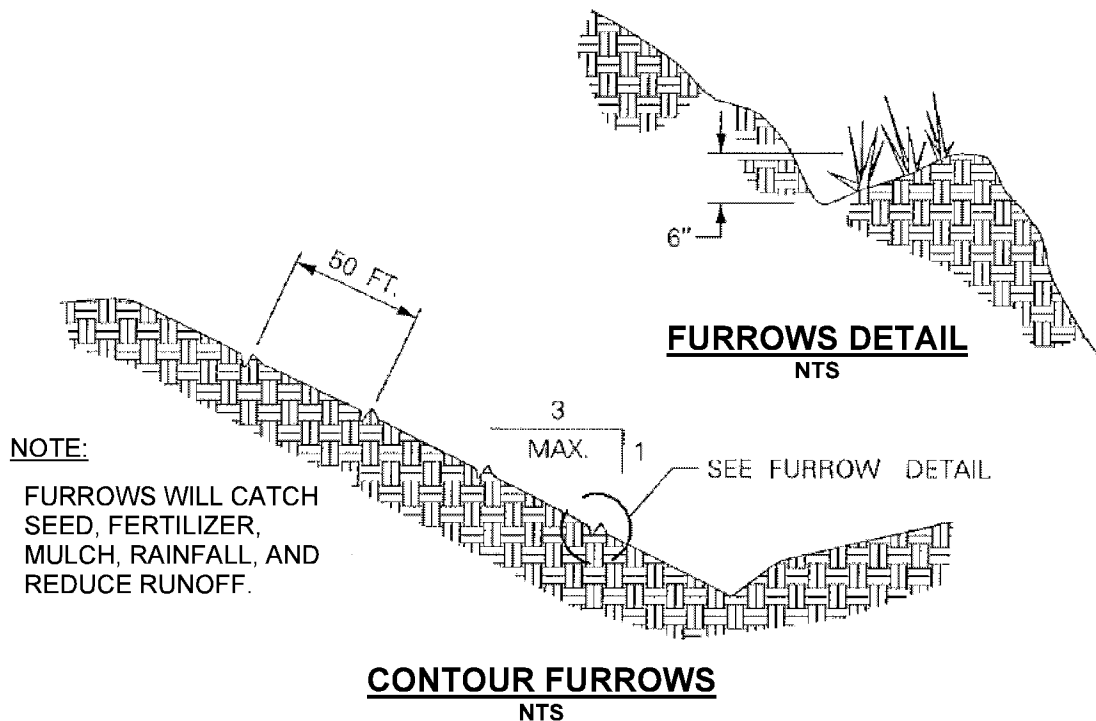
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**NOTE:**

'TRACKING' WITH MACHINERY UP AND DOWN THE SLOPE PROVIDES GROOVES THAT WILL CATCH SEED, FERTILIZER, RAINFALL, AND REDUCE RUNOFF.

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**NOTE:**

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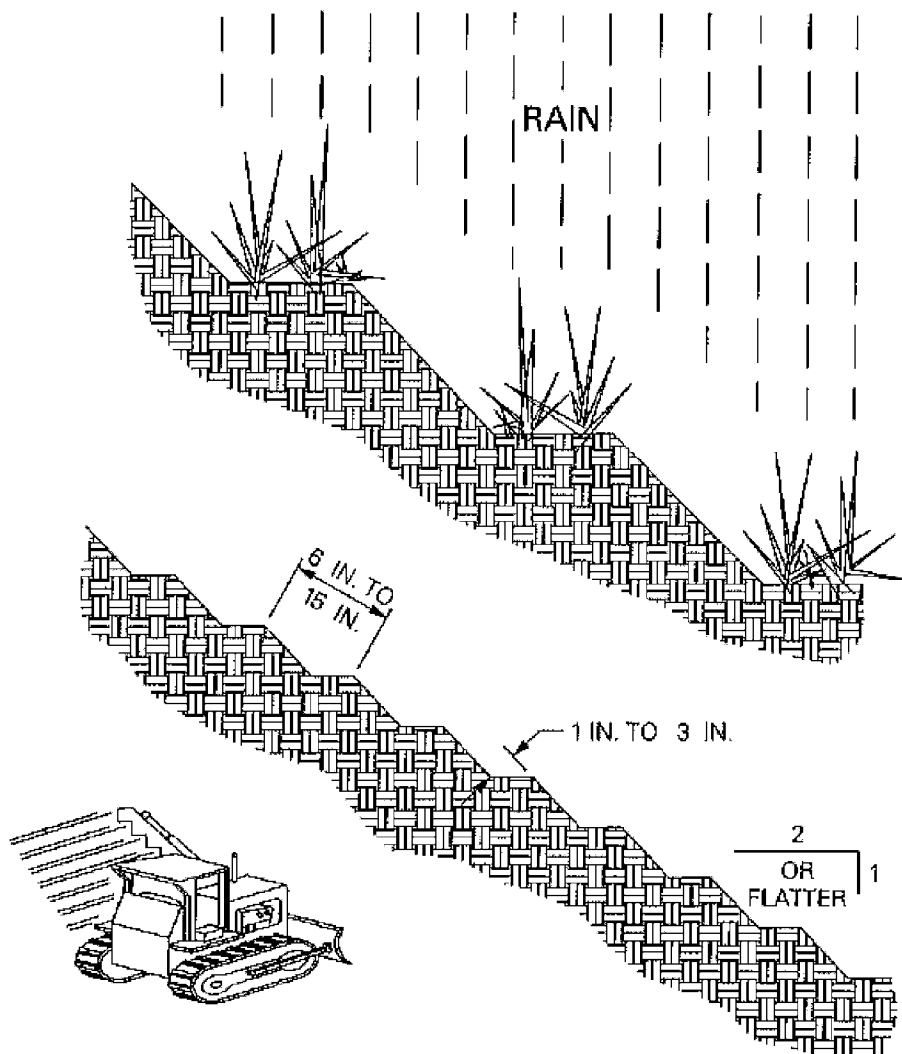
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# Slope Roughening Terracing, and Rounding

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**NOTE:**  
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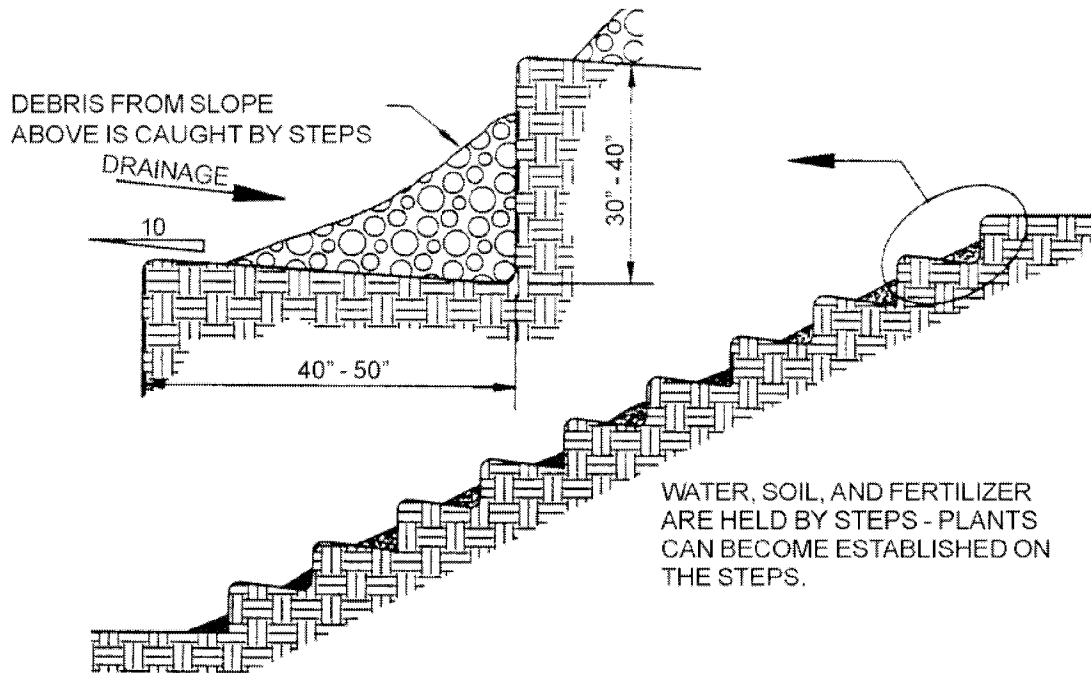
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## Slope Roughening, Terracing, and Rounding

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### STAIR STEPPING CUT SLOPES

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Source: CCH Best Management Practices Manual for Construction Sites in Honolulu, 1999.



## **Chapter 3**

# **Sediment Control**

Sediment Control (SC) BMPs are controls implemented for a construction site that limit the amount of sediment from being transported and deposited off-site. Sediment Control BMPs serve as treatment measures by providing a second line of defense. Sediment control BMPs are used to detain sediment-laden storm water runoff and promote infiltration and/or sedimentation.

In this chapter:

- Retain sediment on-site;
- Protect storm drain inlets;
- Establish perimeter controls;
- Control dewatering practices.

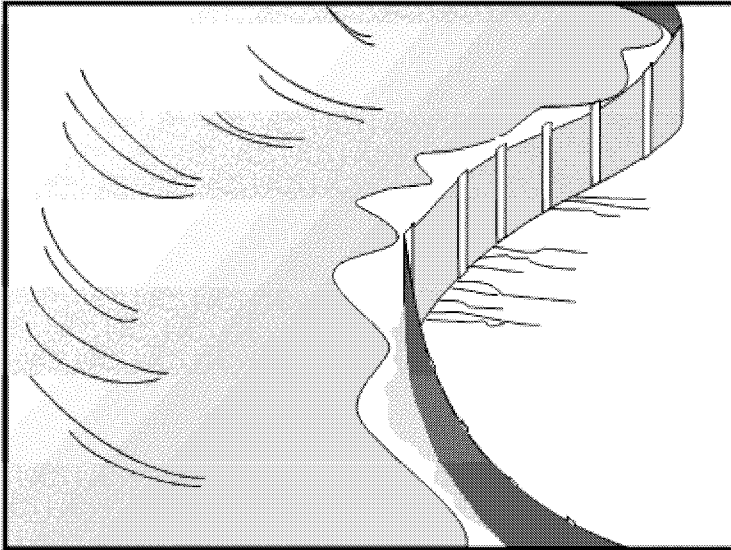
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# Silt Fence or Filter Fabric Fence

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Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## Description

A sediment barrier composed of permeable geotextile filter fabric attached to supporting posts. Wire fencing may provide additional support. The silt fence intercepts the flow of sediment laden runoff, which filters the water and traps the sediment.

## Applications

- Along the site perimeter.
- Around temporary stockpiles.
- Along streams and channels.
- Below the toe of cleared or erodible slopes.
- Downslope of exposed soil areas.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

- Primarily use where sheet flow occurs.
- Install silt fence along or parallel to contours.
- Ends of silt fence shall be turned uphill and the geotextiles should be overlapped.
- Silt fence posts shall be driven 14 inches minimum into the trench (see silt fence detail) and the geotextile filter fabric shall be embedded a minimum of 6 inches vertically into the ground or install according to manufacturer's recommendation.

## Limitations

- Avoid installing silt fence on slope. However if silt fence is placed on slope, fence posts may need additional embedment.
- Do not install in streams, channels, or areas of concentrated flow.
- Do not use to divert flow.

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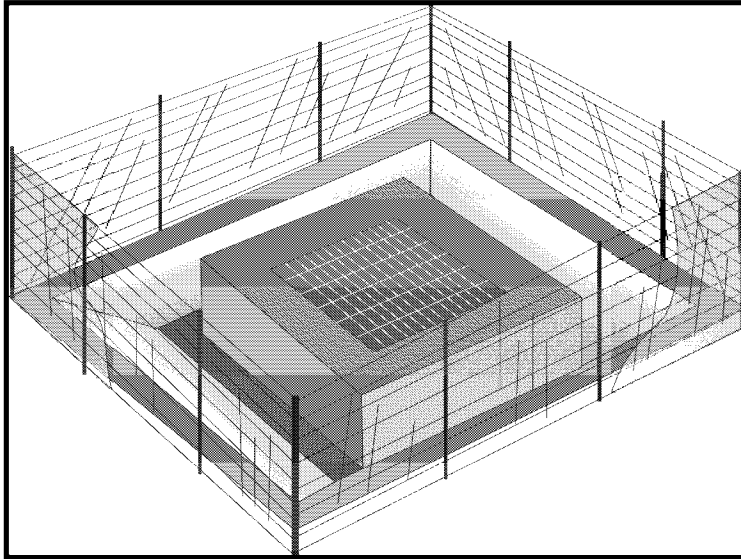
## **Silt Fence or Filter Fabric Fence**

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### **Inspections and Maintenance**

- Inspect weekly during dry periods as well as within 24 hours of any rainfall of 0.5 inch or greater which occurs in a 24-hour period and daily during periods of prolonged rainfall.
- Repair or replace damaged fence or posts.
- Remove accumulated sediment when depth reaches 1/3 the barrier height.



Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## Description

Devices installed at storm drain inlets to detain and/or filter sediment-laden runoff. These devices trap and prevent sediment from entering into the storm drain system.

## Applications

Every storm drain inlet that may intercept sediment-laden runoff shall be covered or protected.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

- Five types of inlet protection are described below.
  - Geotextile Filter Fabric Fence: Applicable to drainage basins less than one acre and with less than a 5 percent slope.
  - Block and Stone Filter: Applicable to flows exceeding 0.5 cfs.
  - Stone and Wire Mesh Filter: Applicable to curb or drop inlets subjected to traffic from construction equipment.
  - Sandbag Barrier: Applicable to sloped, paved streets; creates a small sediment trap upstream of inlets.
  - Excavated Drop Inlet Sediment Trap: Applicable to areas requiring overflow capability due to expected high flows; an excavated area around the inlet which detains runoff and allows sediment to settle.
- In addition to the methods of inlet protection described above, there are other effective methods and proprietary devices, which may also be used.
- Limit to drainage areas less than one acre, unless a sediment trap intercepts the runoff prior to the inlet protection device.
- Provide an area for water to pond around inlet without flooding nearby structures and property.

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# Storm Drain Inlet Protection

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## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

- Other proprietary devices may be used and shall be installed per manufacturer's recommendations.

## Limitations

- Short-term flooding at a protected inlet will occur but must not become a traffic hazard.
- Drainage area limited to one acre or less.
- Straw bales shall not be used for inlet protection.
- Runoff on slopes may bypass protected inlets

## Inspections and Maintenance

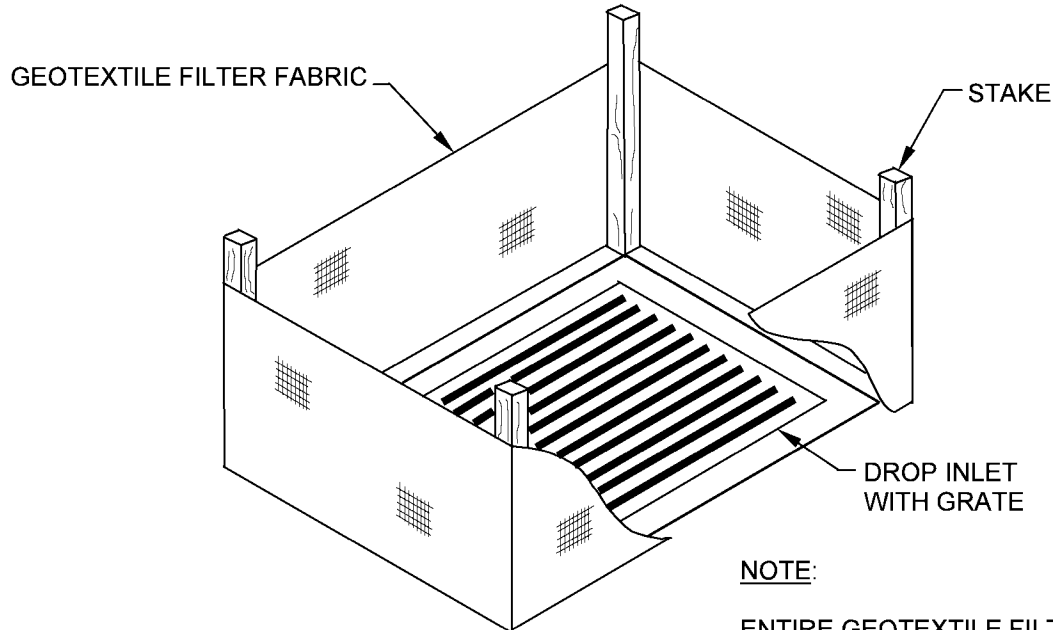
- Inspect weekly during dry periods as well as within 24 hours of any rainfall of 0.5 inch or greater which occurs in a 24-hour period and daily during periods of prolonged rainfall.
- Immediately replace clogged geotextile filter fabric or stone filters.
- Remove accumulated sediment when depth reaches half of the filter height or half of the sediment trap depth.
- Remove inlet protection after stabilization of upstream soils and sweeping of streets is completed. Properly dispose of trapped sediment.

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## Storm Drain Inlet Protection

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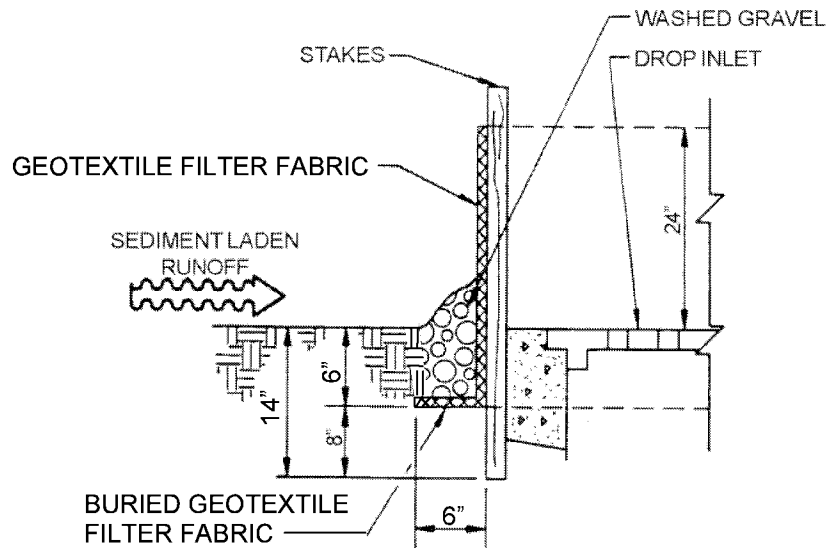


**NOTE:**

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### **GEOTEXTILE FILTER FABRIC FENCE FOR DROP INLET FILTER**

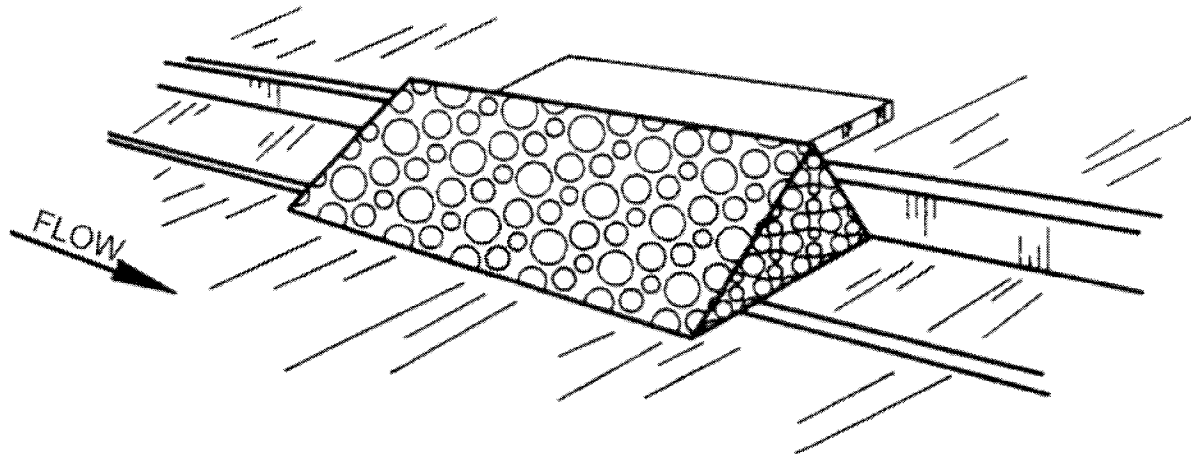
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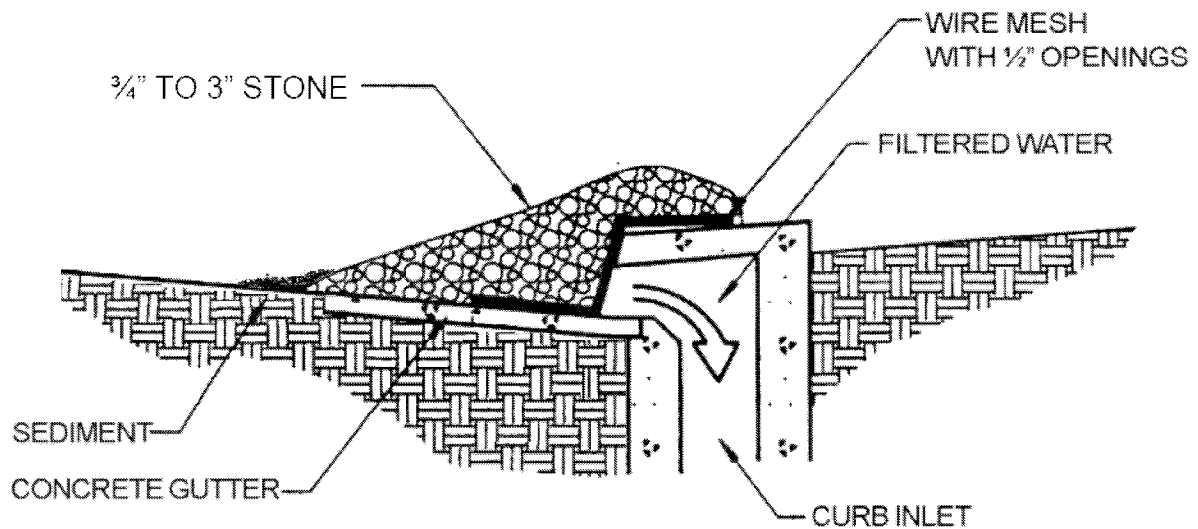
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NOTE: NOT APPLICABLE TO AREAS WITH HIGH TRAFFIC VOLUMES.

### **STONE AND WIRE MESH FILTER FOR CURB INLET**

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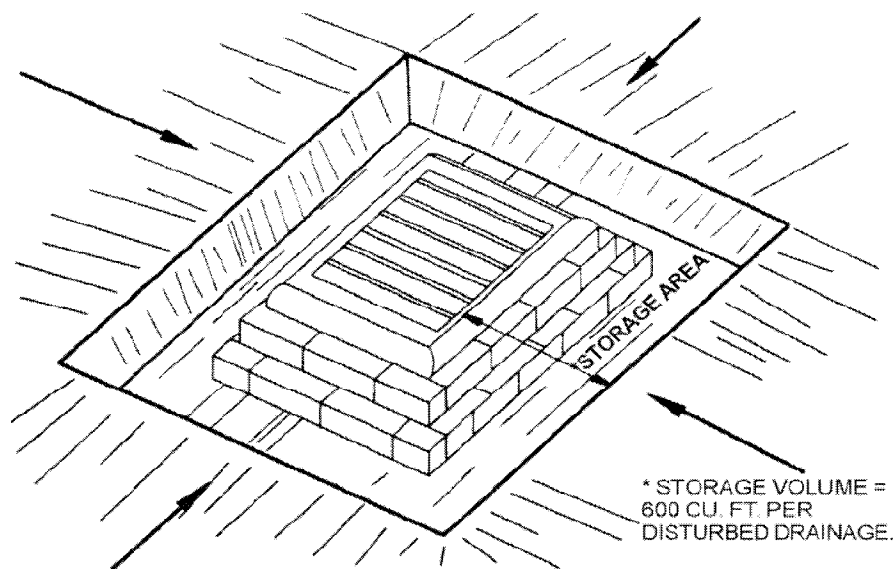


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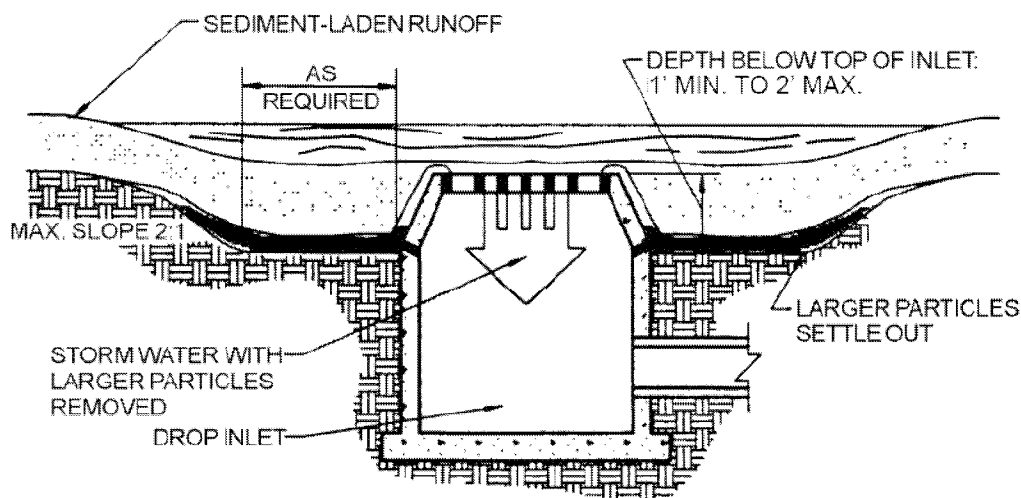
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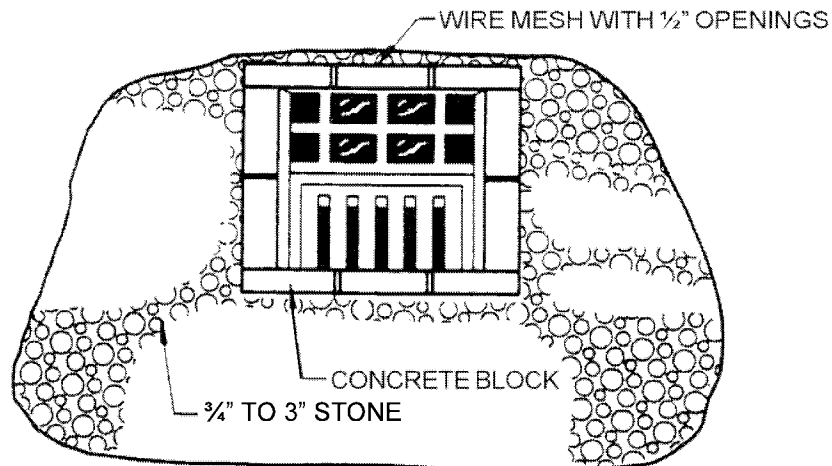
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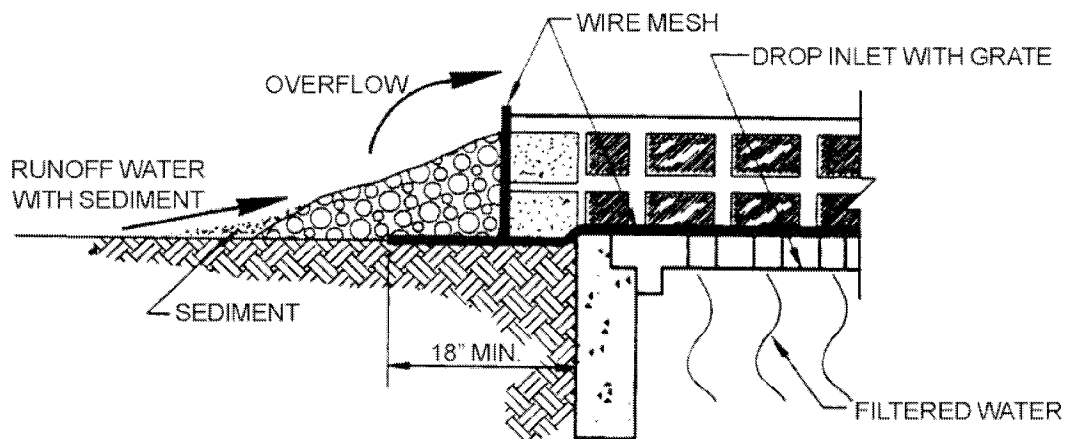
**NOTE:** THIS METHOD OF INLET PROTECTION IS APPLICABLE WHERE HEAVY FLOWS ARE EXPECTED AND WHERE OVERFLOW CAPABILITY AND EASE OF MAINTENANCE ARE DESIRABLE.

### EXCAVATED DROP INLET SEDIMENT TRAP

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## **BLOCK AND STONE FILTER AT DROP INLET**

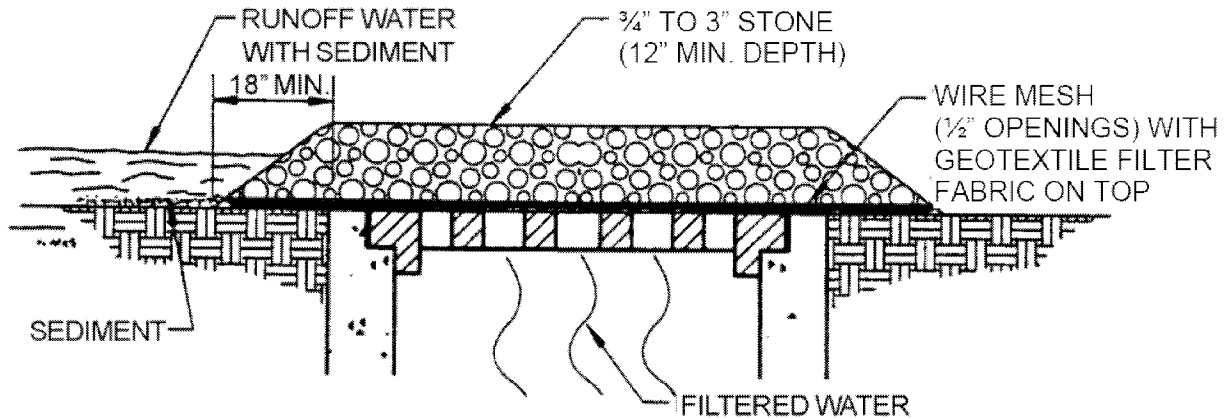
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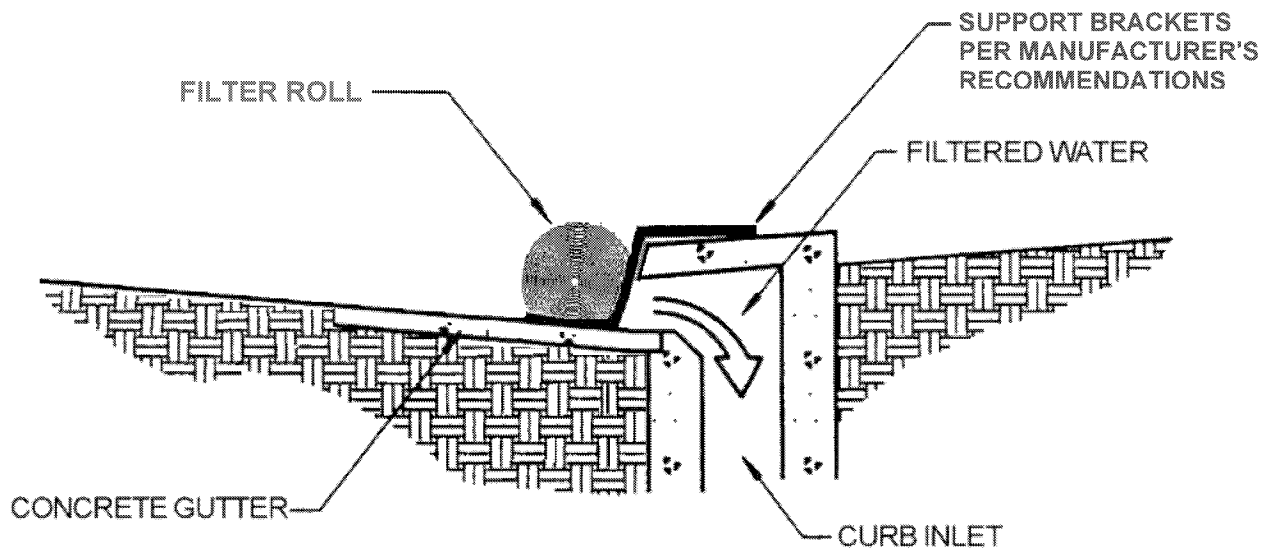
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### STONE AND WIRE MESH FILTER FOR DROP INLET

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### FILTER ROLL WITH SUPPORTS FOR CURB INLET

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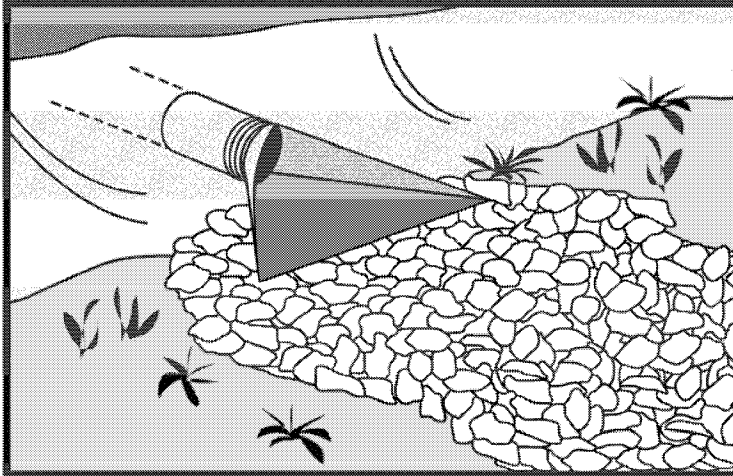
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# Outlet Protection and Velocity Dissipation Devices

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Source: Knoxville BMP Manual, 2003.

<b>Description</b>	Devices placed at outlets of pipes and channels to prevent or minimize scouring and erosion resulting from the high velocity of storm water flows.
<b>Applications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outlets with continuous flows.</li><li>• Outlets located at the bottom of slopes.</li><li>• Outlets subject to short, intense flows.</li><li>• Discharge points from lined conveyances to unlined conveyances.</li></ul>
<b>Installation and Implementation Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Apron length shall be determined by outlet flow rate and tailwater level.</li><li>• Align apron with direction of flow and avoid curves in apron. If a curve is necessary, place it in the upper section of the apron.</li><li>• Protect the underlying geotextile filter fabric with a 4 inches minimum rock blanket if the rip-rap is 12 inches or larger.</li></ul>
<b>Limitations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potential for stones to wash away.</li><li>• Break up of grouted rip-rap resulting from hydrostatic pressure caused by water accumulation.</li></ul>
<b>Inspections and Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish an inspection schedule for all structures.</li><li>• Inspect beneath the rip-rap and around the outlet for scour. Immediately repair damaged slopes or underlying geotextile filter fabric with priorities based on highway safety and protection of Class AA and Class 1 waters, followed by erosion potential and possible damage to down-slope areas.</li></ul>

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## Outlet Protection and Velocity Dissipation Devices

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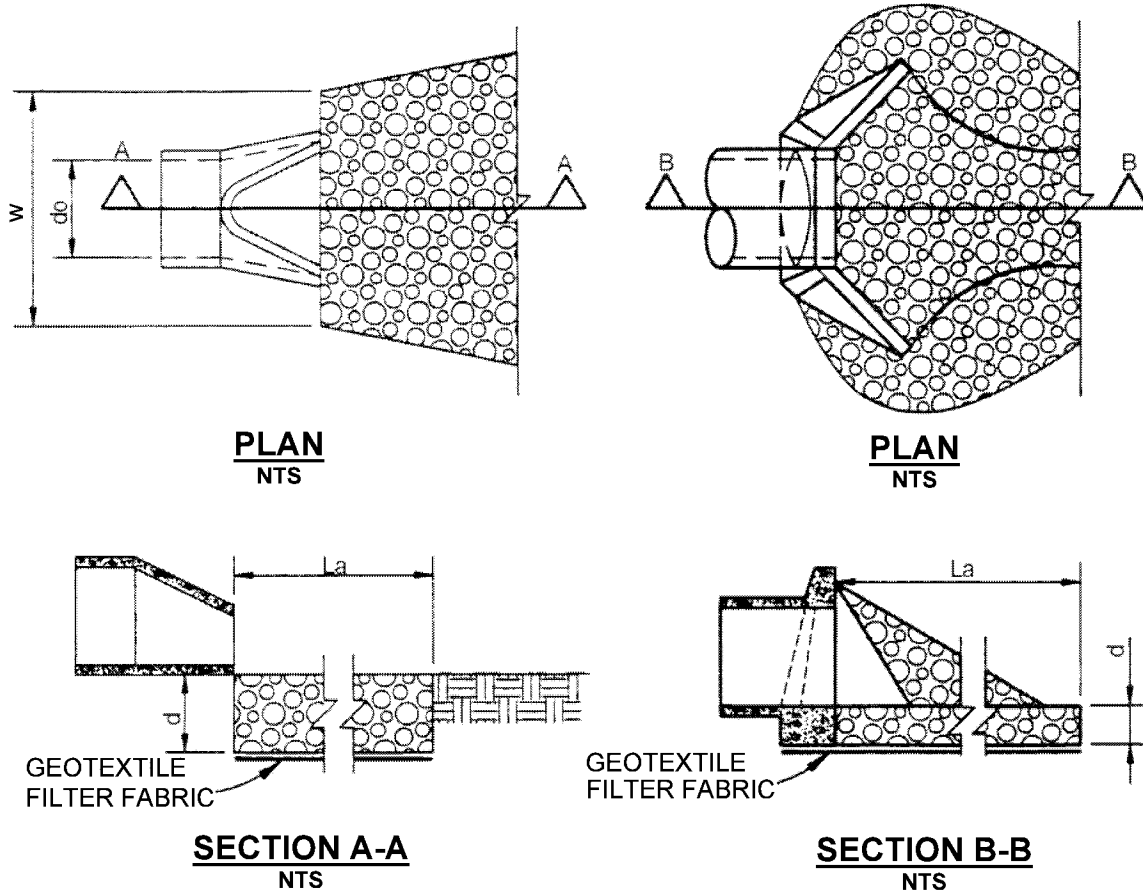
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- Inspect apron for damage to underlying geotextile filter fabric or dislodged rip-rap. Report any damage exceeding 10% of the apron surface area for evaluation by the HWY-OM Engineer or Highway Design Section, as appropriate.

# Outlet Protection and Velocity Dissipation Devices

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## NOTES:

1. APRON LINING MAY BE RIP-RAP, GROUTED RIP-RAP, OR CONCRETE.
2. PIPE DIAMETER, APRON DIMENSIONS, AND AVERAGE ROCK SIZE FOR RIP-RAP ARE BASED ON THE DESIGN FLOW RATE AND VELOCITY.  $L_a$  AND ROCK SIZE MUST BE SET TO SLOW THE FLOW TO NON-EROSIVE VELOCITIES (e.g. LESS THAN 10 fps).
3.  $d=1.5$  TIMES THE MAXIMUM ROCK SIZE DIAMETER BUT NOT LESS THAN 6 INCHES.

## PIPE OUTLET CONDITIONS

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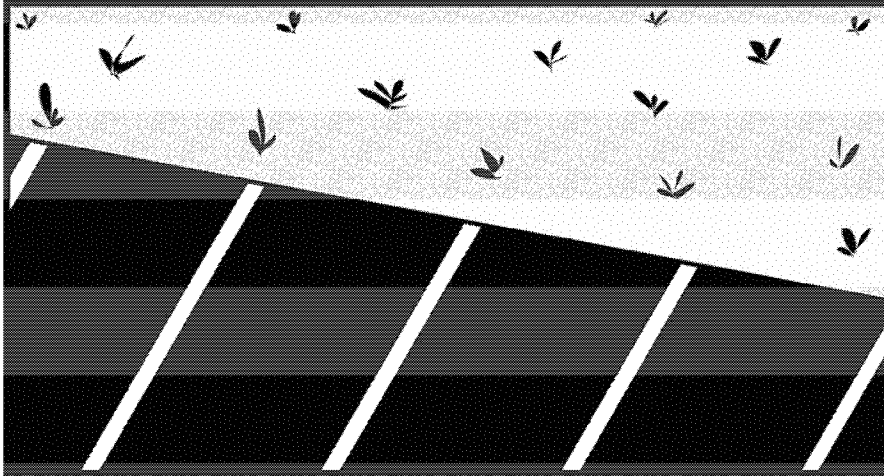


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# Vegetated Buffer Strips and Channels

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Source: Modified from Knoxville BMP Manual, 2003.

## Description

Vegetative buffer strips and channels protect soil from erosion, increase infiltration, and remove sediment from surface runoff. Located adjacent to pollutant sources such as construction sites, vegetated buffer strips also provide protection to downstream receiving inlets or water bodies.

## Applications

- Any site which is suitable for establishment of vegetation.
- Vegetated buffer strips are appropriate for uncurbed, paved areas; steep and potentially unstable slopes; and areas adjacent to sensitive water bodies.
- Vegetated channels are appropriate for surface runoff conveyed by channels to downstream inlets or receiving waters.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

- Refer to SM-16 (Preservation of Existing Vegetation) in this manual if existing vegetation will be used as a buffer strip.
- Installation of a buffer strip with new vegetation shall comply with the following:
  - Prior to cultivation of the designated buffer strip area, remove and dispose of all weeds and debris in accordance with *2005 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction*;
  - During construction, strip and stockpile good topsoil for surface preparation purposes prior to planting activities;
  - Plant the area upon completion of grading in the area;
  - Fine grade and roll areas to be planted after cultivating soil and, if applicable, installing the irrigation system;
  - Provide additional watering or irrigation of vegetation to supplement rainfall until vegetation has been established;
  - Fertilize vegetation in accordance with manufacturers' instructions and grass/soil requirements determined by testing of the soil;

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# Vegetated Buffer Strips and Channels

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## **Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)**

- Vehicular traffic passing through vegetated buffer strips or channels shall be avoided to protect vegetation from damage and maximize its effectiveness;
- Comply with applicable regulations and manufacturers' instructions when applying fertilizers, pesticides, soil amendments, or chemicals;
- Comply with the following during seeding activities:
  - Add soil amendments such as fertilizer when preparing seedbed. Apply mulch after seeding to protect vegetation during establishment. Select an appropriate seed mixture based on site conditions. Dense grasses are more effective in reducing flow velocities and removing sediment. Thick root structures are necessary for erosion control,
  - Use proper equipment and methods to ensure uniform distribution and appropriate seed placement, and
  - Overseed, repair bare spots, and apply additional mulch as necessary; and
- Comply with the following during sodding activities:
  - Protect sod with tarps or other types of protective covering during delivery and do not allow sod to dry between harvesting and placement,
  - Any irregular or uneven areas observed prior to or during the plant establishment period shall be restored to a smooth and even appearance,
  - Prior to placing sod, ground surface shall be smooth and uniform,
  - Areas, which will be planted with sod and are adjacent to paved surfaces such as sidewalks and concrete headers, shall be 1.5±0.25 inches below the top grade of the paved surface after fine grading, rolling, and settlement of the soil.
  - Ends of adjacent strips of sod shall be staggered a minimum of 24 inches,
  - Edges and ends of sod shall be placed firmly against paved borders,
  - After placement of the sod, lightly roll sodded area to eliminate air pockets and ensure close contact with the soil,
  - After rolling, water the sodded area to moisten the soil to a depth of 4 inches,
  - Do not allow sod to dry,
  - Avoid planting sod during extremely hot or wet weather, and
  - Sod shall not be placed on slopes steeper than 3:1 (H:V) if the area will be mowed.

## **Limitations**

- Site conditions such as availability of land.
- Flow depth and vegetative condition determine BMP effectiveness.
- May require irrigation to maintain vegetation.

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## Vegetated Buffer Strips and Channels

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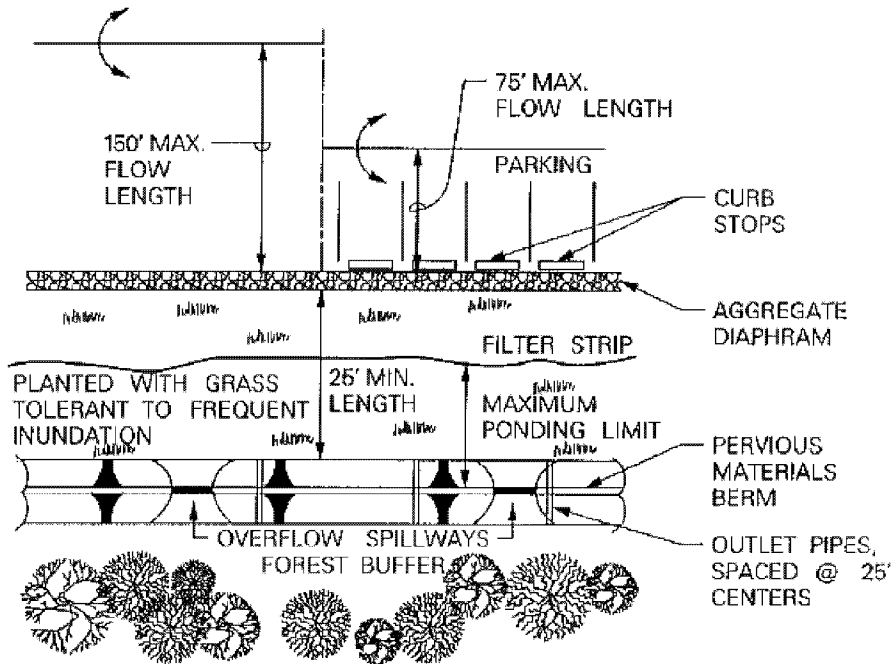
- High maintenance requirements may exist depending on the design condition of the vegetation.
- Unless existing vegetation is used as a buffer strip, an area will need to be provided specifically for a buffer strip and vegetation will need to be established.
- Maintaining sheet flow in buffer strips may be difficult.
- Vegetated channels require a larger area than lined channels.
- Vegetated channels require gradual slopes since runoff with high flow velocity may flow over grass rather than through it.

**Inspections and  
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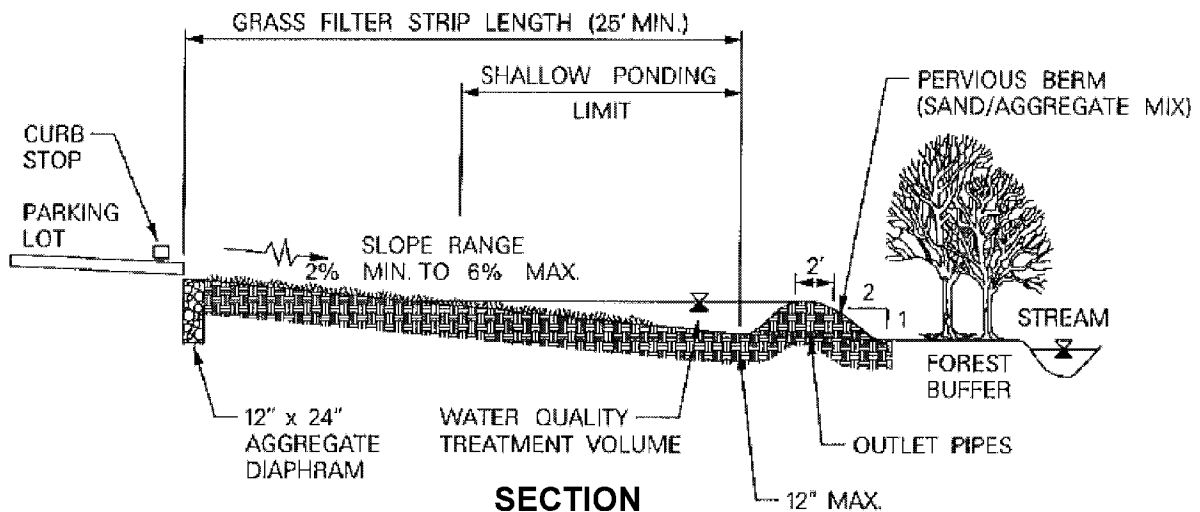
- Inspect weekly during dry periods as well as within 24 hours of any rainfall of 0.5 inch or greater which occurs in a 24-hour period and daily during periods of prolonged rainfall until vegetation is established. Repair eroded or damaged areas as necessary.
- Maintenance activities include mowing, weeding, and verification of a properly operating irrigation system, if applicable.
- Properly remove and dispose of clippings from mowing and trimming in accordance with *2005 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction*.

# Vegetated Buffer Strips And Channels

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## TYPICAL VEGETATED BUFFER STRIP

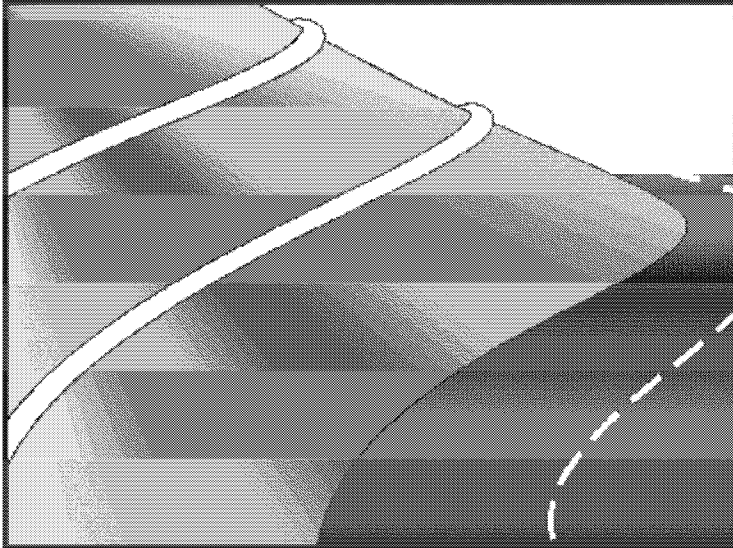
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# Compost Filter Berm

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Source: Truckee Meadows Construction Site Best Management Practices Handbook, 2003.

## Description

A dike consisting of composted material and placed perpendicular to runoff to reduce flow velocity and retain sediment and other pollutants.

## Applications

- Along the site perimeter.
- Along the slope face.
- Check dam in small drainage ditches.
- Inlet protection for storm drains.
- Appropriate for small drainage areas and low surface velocity flows (less than 1 cfs).
- May be used in combination with other BMPs such as a compost blanket or silt fence for high rainfall areas and steeper or longer slopes.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

- Usually located at the base of slopes, however, additional berms may be used for increased erosion protection.
- Berm size is determined by factors including slope length and grade, soil characteristics, climate, and presence of existing vegetation.
- Berms may be vegetated or unvegetated.
- Compost quality shall comply with all local, state, and Federal requirements.

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# Compost Filter Berm

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## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

- Installation of a compost filter sock, which consists of a mesh tube filled with composted material, as a type of compost filter berm shall comply with the following:
  - Assemble by tying a knot at one end of the mesh sock, filling the sock with compost, and knotting the other end of the sock. A pneumatic blower may be used to fill the sock with compost;
  - Use a filter sock equivalent to the length of the slope where practicable;
  - When use of multiple socks is required, place socks end-to-end and interlock the ends;
  - Anchor filter socks to ground; and
  - Turn ends of filter sock up slope to prevent flow around ends.
- Material for compost berm may be left at the site and used as a soil amendment.
- Mesh socks filled with compost may also be used for areas of concentrated flow such as near streams or shorelines.

## Limitations

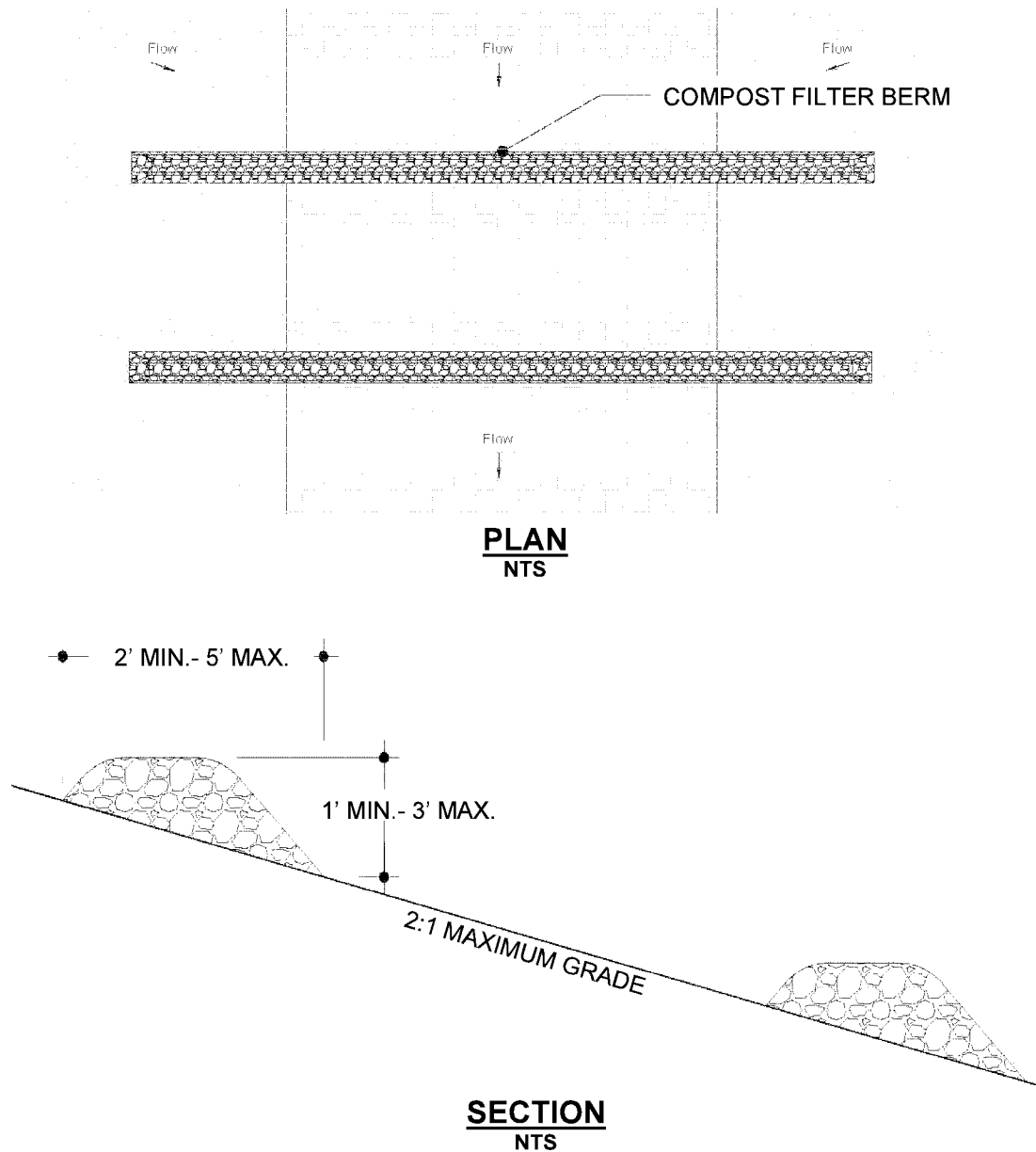
- Unsuitable for areas with concentrated runoff unless a low flow rate and small drainage area warrants use of a filter berm.
- Heavy vegetation must be removed to ensure close contact of compost with the ground surface.

## Inspections and Maintenance

- Inspect weekly during dry periods as well as within 24 hours of any rainfall of 0.5 inch or greater which occurs in a 24-hour period and daily during periods of prolonged rainfall.
- Remove sediment which has accumulated to within 1/3 of the berm height.
- Replace disturbed or damaged areas of the berm.
- Significant washout may indicate a larger berm or additional BMPs such as a compost blanket or silt fence are required.

# Compost Filter Berm

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## COMPOST FILTER BERM

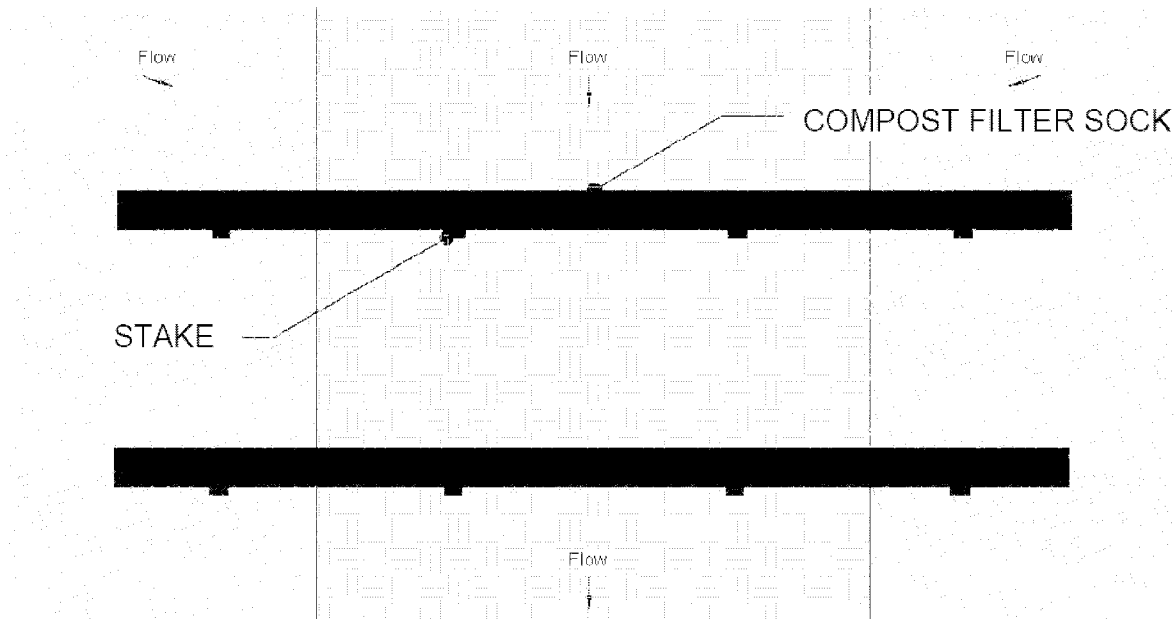
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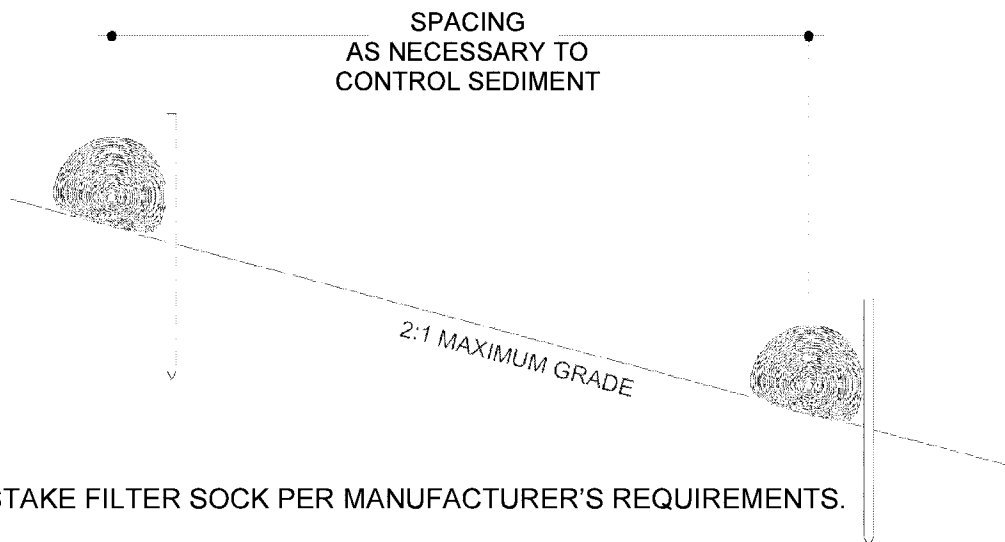
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NOTE: STAKE FILTER SOCK PER MANUFACTURER'S REQUIREMENTS.

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## **COMPOST FILTER BERM (FILTER SOCK)**

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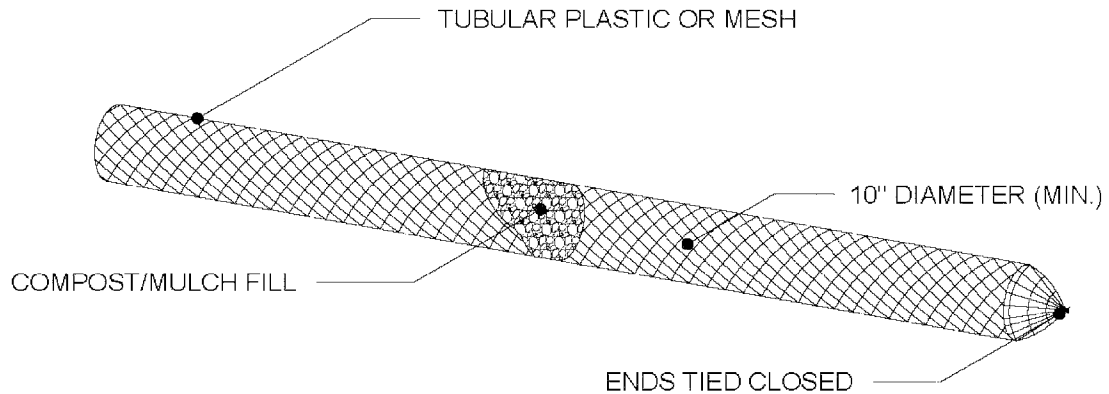


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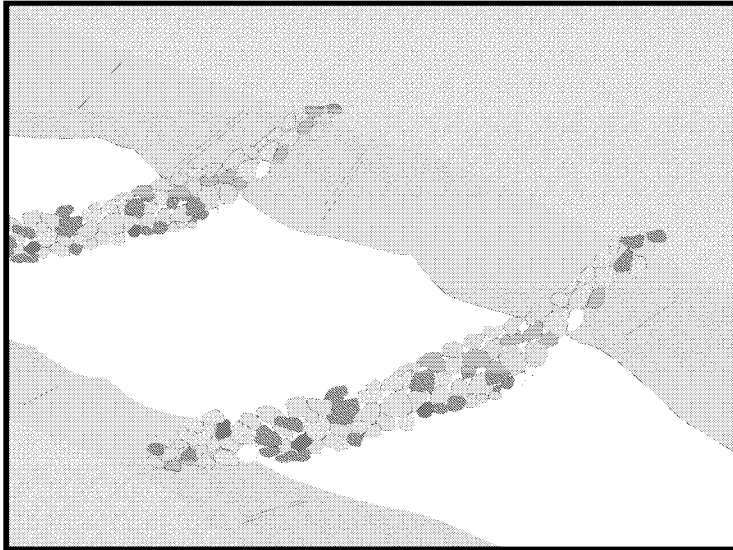


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Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## Description

Temporary devices placed across channels or ditches to reduce scour and erosion by reducing flow velocity and promoting sedimentation.

## Applications

- Appropriate for small open channels conveying runoff from 10 acres or less.
- Steep channels with runoff velocities exceeding 2 ft/sec.
- Temporary ditches which do not require installation of erosion-resistant linings due to expected short-term use.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

- Distance between check dams and height of each device shall promote the formation of small pools between adjacent devices.
- Backwater from the downstream check dam shall reach the toe of the upstream check dam.
- Major flows (2 year storm or larger) shall flow over the check dam without increasing upstream flooding or damaging the check dam.
- Remove check dams and accumulated sediment upon establishment of vegetative lining.
- Stone check dams shall consist of stones ranging from approximately 8 to 12 inches in size. Stones shall not be dumped but shall be placed by hand or by other mechanical means. Stone material shall completely span the channel or ditch to prevent washout of the check dam.
- Log check dams shall consist of logs ranging from approximately 4 to 6 inches in diameter. Logs shall be embedded a minimum of 18 inches into the soil.

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# Check Dams

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## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

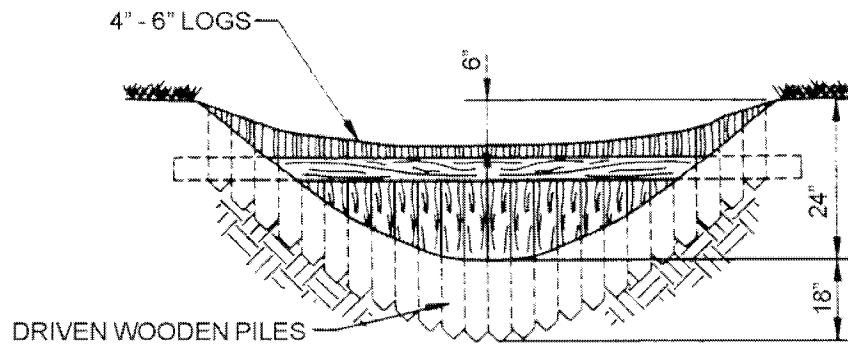
- Remove check dams upon establishment of grass used for stabilization of the ditch or channel, unless the slope of the swale exceeds 4 percent.

## Limitations

- Drainage area discharging to open channels shall not exceed 10 acres.
- Not applicable to live streams.
- Not applicable to channels with established grass linings unless erosion is expected since check dam installation may damage existing vegetation.
- High velocity flows may require extensive maintenance.
- Subsequent storms or removal of the check dam may re-suspend trapped sediment.

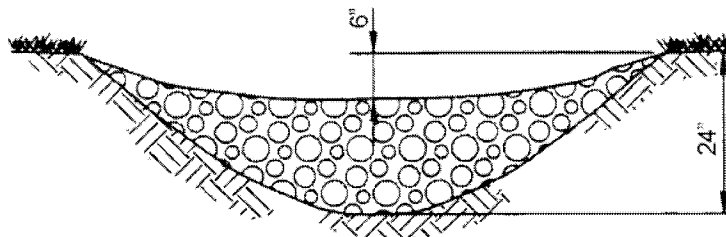
## Inspections and Maintenance

- Inspect check dams for sediment accumulation and erosion weekly during dry periods as well as within 24 hours of any rainfall of 0.5 inch or greater which occurs in a 24-hour period and daily during periods of prolonged rainfall.
- Remove accumulated sediment when depth reaches one-half the sump depth.
- Prior to permanent seeding or soil stabilization, remove accumulated sediment and check dams.



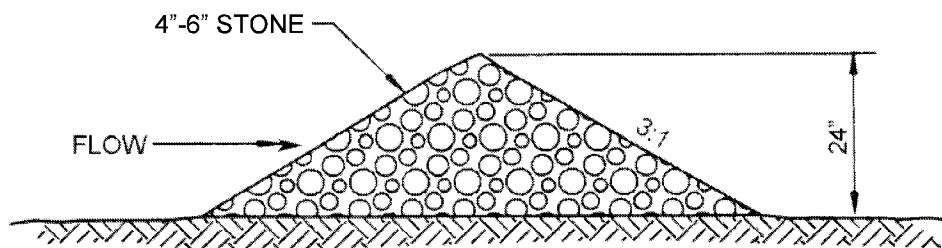
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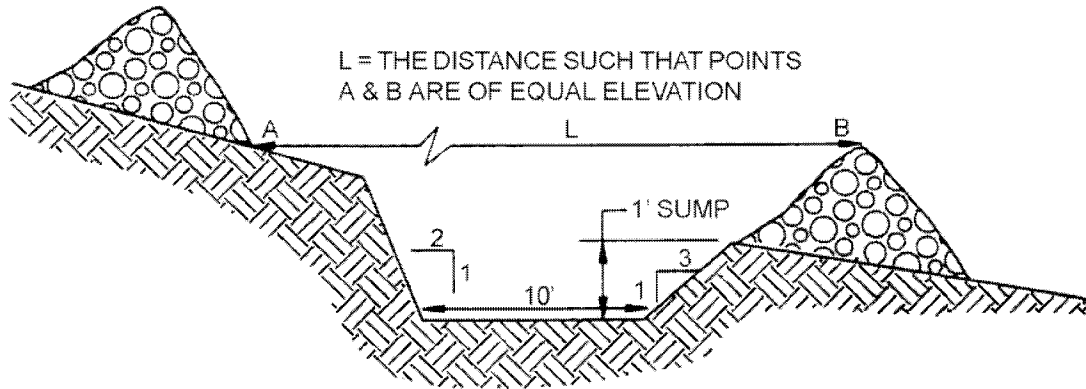
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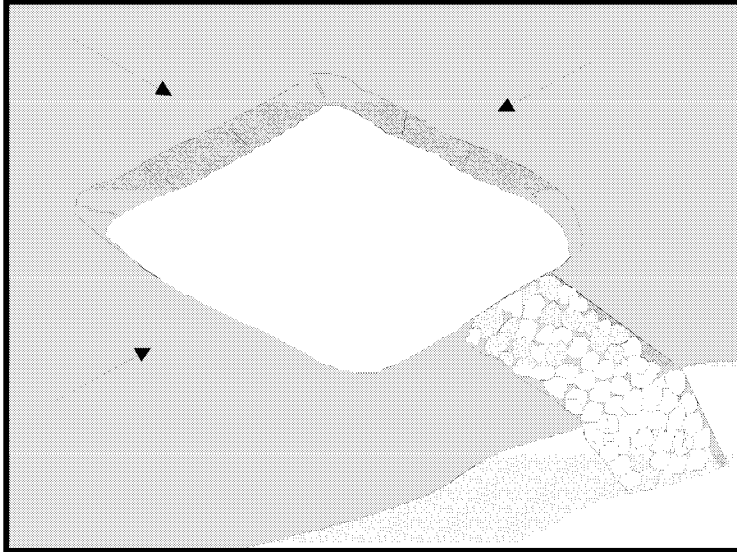
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## SPACING BETWEEN CHECK DAMS

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Source: Caltrans Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual, 2003.

## Description

A temporary runoff containment area, which promotes sedimentation prior to discharge of the runoff through a stabilized spillway.

## Applications

- Drainage areas less than 5 acres.
- Areas along the perimeter of the site where sediment-laden runoff is discharged off-site.
- Areas requiring additional sediment containment measures such as bodies of water or discharge points to a drainage system.
- On-site discharge points to a stabilized or natural area or waterway.

## Installation and Implementation Requirements

- Construct sediment trap prior to engaging in clearing, grubbing, or grading activities.
- Location shall be based on the following:
  - Area where a low embankment may be constructed across a swale;
  - Area where failure of sediment trap will not cause property damage or loss of life; and
  - Area where maintenance crew may easily access sediment trap.
- Sediment trap size shall be based on the following:
  - Minimum trap settling volume of 133 cubic yards per acre;
  - Minimum trap sediment storage volume of 33 cubic yards per acre;
  - Trap width shall be less than half of the trap length; and
  - Flood volume which may contain a major flood without damage to upstream areas or overtopping the embankment.

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# Sediment Trap

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## Installation and Implementation Requirements (Continued)

- Construct sediment trap by excavating ground or constructing an earthen embankment to create a containment area.
- Area under embankment shall be cleared, grubbed, and stripped of vegetation and root mat.
- Fill material for embankment shall be free of roots, woody vegetation, over-sized stones, rocks, organic material, or other objectionable material. Compact embankment by traversing with construction equipment.
- Stabilize trap outlet with stone or vegetation.
- Install fencing to prevent unauthorized entry and for safety purposes.
- All pipe joints shall be watertight when a riser is used.
- The top 2/3 of the riser shall be perforated with holes 1 to 4 inch in diameter. The holes shall be vertically spaced at 8 inch intervals and horizontally spaced at 10 to 12 inch intervals.
- Outlet crest elevation of an earth or stone outlet shall be a minimum of 1 foot below the top of the embankment.

## Limitations

- Applies to maximum drainage area of 5 acres. Drainage areas exceeding 5 acres shall implement Sediment Basins. Refer to SC-16 (Sediment Basin) in this manual for more information.
- Only removes large and medium size particles.
- Requires protective fencing.
- Do not install in live streams.
- Availability of right-of-way may limit size of sediment trap.

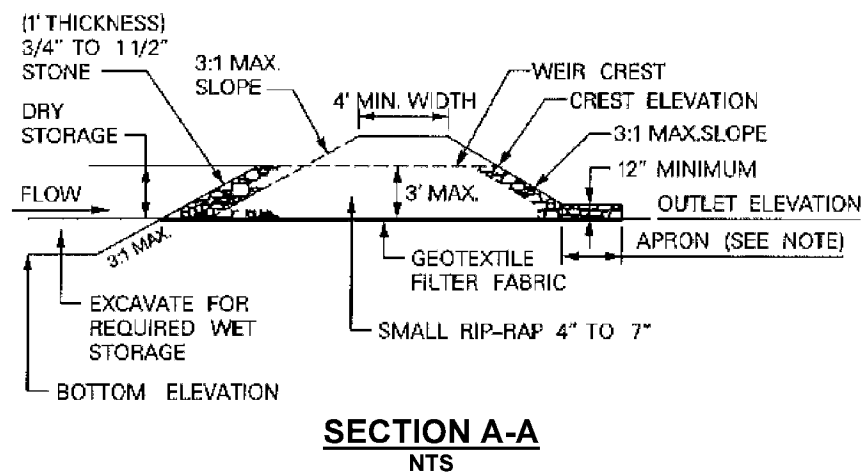
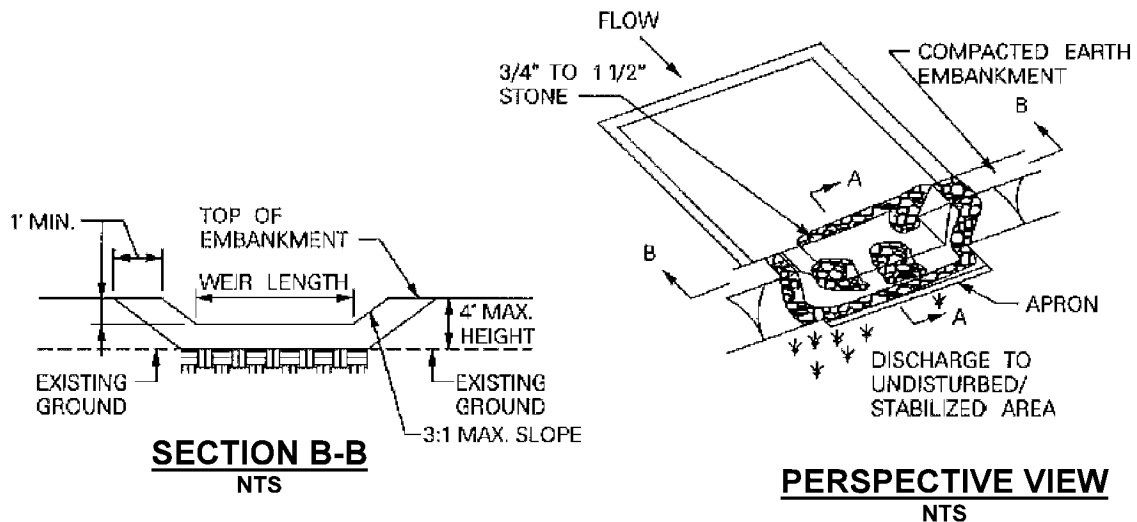
## Inspections and Maintenance

- Inspect weekly during dry periods as well as within 24 hours of any rainfall of 0.5 inch or greater which occurs in a 24-hour period and daily during periods of prolonged rainfall.
- Inspect spillway and outlet for obstructions or damage. Remove obstructions and repair damage as necessary.
- Inspect outlet for erosion and stabilize as necessary.
- Inspect fencing for damage and repair as necessary.
- Remove sediment which has accumulated to within 1 foot of the top of the dry storage volume.
- Properly dispose of sediment and debris removed from sediment trap.



# Sediment Trap

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NOTE: MAXIMUM DRAINAGE AREA = 5 ACRES.

## STONE OUTLET SEDIMENT TRAP

Source: Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, 1994.

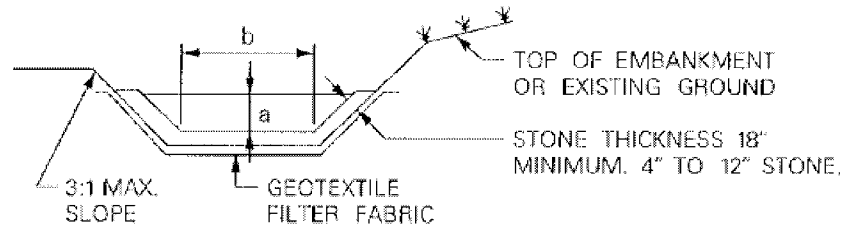
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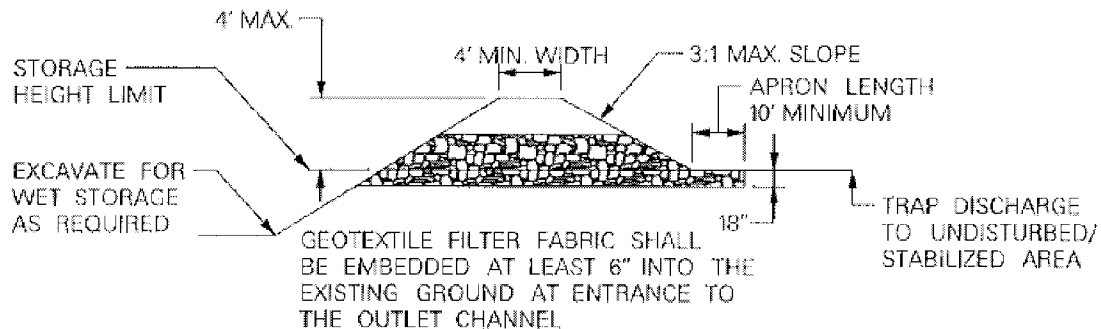
## LEGEND

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b = BOTTOM WIDTH OF WEIR

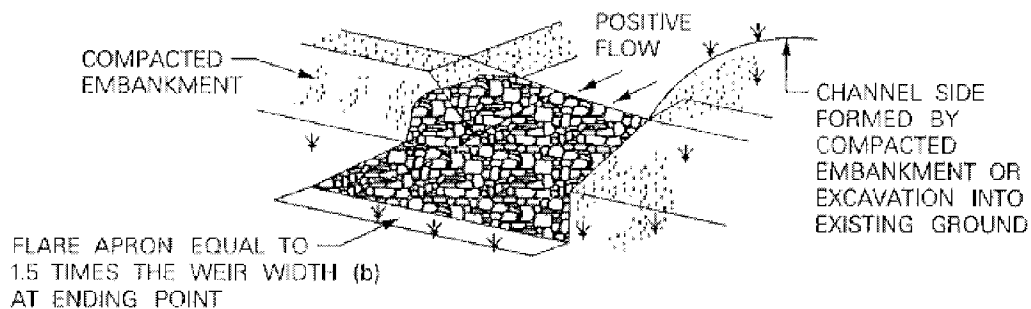
TOP OF COMPACTED  
EMBANKMENT MINIMUM  
1' ABOVE TOP OF STONE  
LINING. MAXIMUM 4'  
ABOVE EXISTING GROUND



## CROSS SECTION NTS



## PROFILE NTS



## PERSPECTIVE VIEW NTS

NOTE: MAXIMUM DRAINAGE AREA = 5 ACRES.

## RIP-RAP SEDIMENT TRAP

Source: Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, 1994.



## Design Objectives

- ☒ Maximize Infiltration
- ☒ Provide Retention
- ☒ Slow Runoff
- Minimize Impervious Land Coverage
- Prohibit Dumping of Improper Materials
- Contain Pollutants
- Collect and Convey

## Description

Irrigation water provided to landscaped areas may result in excess irrigation water being conveyed into stormwater drainage systems.

## Approach

Project plan designs for development and redevelopment should include application methods of irrigation water that minimize runoff of excess irrigation water into the stormwater conveyance system.

## Suitable Applications

Appropriate applications include residential, commercial and industrial areas planned for development or redevelopment. (Detached residential single-family homes are typically excluded from this requirement.)

## Design Considerations

### *Designing New Installations*

The following methods to reduce excessive irrigation runoff should be considered, and incorporated and implemented where determined applicable and feasible by the Permittee:

- Employ rain-triggered shutoff devices to prevent irrigation after precipitation.
- Design irrigation systems to each landscape area's specific water requirements.
- Include design featuring flow reducers or shutoff valves triggered by a pressure drop to control water loss in the event of broken sprinkler heads or lines.
- Implement landscape plans consistent with County or City water conservation resolutions, which may include provision of water sensors, programmable irrigation times (for short cycles), etc.



- Design timing and application methods of irrigation water to minimize the runoff of excess irrigation water into the storm water drainage system.
- Group plants with similar water requirements in order to reduce excess irrigation runoff and promote surface filtration. Choose plants with low irrigation requirements (for example, native or drought tolerant species). Consider design features such as:
  - Using mulches (such as wood chips or bar) in planter areas without ground cover to minimize sediment in runoff
  - Installing appropriate plant materials for the location, in accordance with amount of sunlight and climate, and use native plant materials where possible and/or as recommended by the landscape architect
  - Leaving a vegetative barrier along the property boundary and interior watercourses, to act as a pollutant filter, where appropriate and feasible
  - Choosing plants that minimize or eliminate the use of fertilizer or pesticides to sustain growth
- Employ other comparable, equally effective methods to reduce irrigation water runoff.

***Redeveloping Existing Installations***

Various jurisdictional stormwater management and mitigation plans (SUSMP, WQMP, etc.) define “redevelopment” in terms of amounts of additional impervious area, increases in gross floor area and/or exterior construction, and land disturbing activities with structural or impervious surfaces. The definition of “redevelopment” must be consulted to determine whether or not the requirements for new development apply to areas intended for redevelopment. If the definition applies, the steps outlined under “designing new installations” above should be followed.

**Other Resources**

A Manual for the Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP), Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, May 2002.

Model Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) for San Diego County, Port of San Diego, and Cities in San Diego County, February 14, 2002.

Model Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) for County of Orange, Orange County Flood Control District, and the Incorporated Cities of Orange County, Draft February 2003.

Ventura Countywide Technical Guidance Manual for Stormwater Quality Control Measures, July 2002.