



#51 Changes in Stormwater Regulations will affect your Construction Project!

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New stormwater regulations became effective February 16, 2010 and apply to permit applications for building permits submitted on or after that date. To minimize the time required to process, review and approve your permit, it is important to consider the following information in assembling your application package:

- ▶ The stormwater management requirements for your project are dependent on the total disturbed area, impervious surface area (and type), and lawn and landscape area (pollution generating pervious surfaces). Your project may be a Major Development according to the thresholds identified in Section 12.08.010 of Kitsap County Code Title 12 “Storm Water Drainage.” These thresholds are summarized in the pamphlet entitled “Major Development or Minor Development?” If your project is classified as Major, you will need to retain a qualified civil engineer to design and plan for stormwater management, and then apply for a Site Development Activity Permit (SDAP). [An SDAP may be required for some projects that are not classified as major, based on proximity to critical areas or location in a critical drainage area.]
- ▶ On the (Universal) Site Plan, delineate the extent of area to be disturbed by the project, including cleared areas intended for lawn or landscape. [If the disturbed area is 7000 square feet or more, the soils under lawn and landscaping will require amendment.]
- ▶ Projects in which the new, replaced, or new plus replaced impervious surfaces total 2,000 square feet or more, or disturb 7,000 square feet or more of land, must prepare a Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and provide 3 copies upon submittal (Stormwater Design Manual Chapter 1, 1.3). Each of the twelve elements must be considered and included in the Construction SWPPP unless site conditions render the element unnecessary and the exemption from that element is clearly justified in the narrative of the SWPPP.
- ▶ Projects that add or replace less than 2,000 square feet of impervious surface and disturb less than 7,000 square feet of land are not required to prepare a Construction SWPPP, but must consider all of the twelve elements of Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention and implement sediment and erosion control measures for the project site.
- ▶ All developments that create greater than 2,000 square feet of new impervious surface shall use one of the best management practices found in sections 5.1 or 5.2 of the Stormwater Design Manual to serve those impervious surfaces to match the predevelopment condition groundwater recharge.

The stormwater regulation, which includes Kitsap County Code Title 12 “Storm Water Drainage,” the Stormwater Design Manual and the referenced Low Impact Development (LID) Guidance Manual may be viewed at the following web link: http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/dev_eng/dev_eng.htm