



This guide references rule

5.0

# Sediment & Erosion Control

### Importance:

Construction is messy. Exposed soil can wash and blow away. Excess sediment can cloud water, fill in lakes, and destroy aquatic habitat. The more soil that can be kept on a construction site, the better water quality we will have. This guidance document addresses Sediment and Erosion Control Rule (5.0) for commercial, linear, and other projects besides single-family homes.

### When is a permit needed?

- If a project will do one or both of the following, Rule 5.0 (Sediment and Erosion Control) is triggered:
  - o 50 cubic yards of soil disturbance
  - o 5,000 square feet of area disturbance
- The triggers above do not mean other rules are not triggered for a project.

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### What is required?

#### Before Project

Prepare an erosion and sediment control plan that:

- Protects natural topography (landscape) and soil conditions, and minimize disturbance intensity duration as much as possible
- Includes temporary erosion and sediment control practices (including construction access, perimeter erosion control, inlet protection). Any use of erosion blanket MUST be made of fully biodegradable materials and any netting must have loose-weave joints (non-welded/unfixed netting joints).
- o Include additional measures on slopes of 3:1 or steeper
- Protect stormwater facilities during construction (inlets, holding ponds, etc.)
- Include final stabilization measures

#### During and After Project

- Construction site waste must be disposed of in a way that doesn't degrade water quality
- All temporary erosion/sediment control practices must be maintained until construction is done and disturbed soil is stabilized, and removed upon final stabilization
- Compacted soils that will remain pervious after construction must be decompacted prior to final stabilization where possible (avoid utilities, tree roots, etc.)
- Disturbed areas must be finally stabilized within 14-days of completing land alteration
- Inspect, maintain, and repair all disturbed surfaces, erosion/sediment control practices every day work is performed or at least weekly, whichever is less and keep a log of activity (NMCWD can request these logs). These can be reduced to monthly if the site work ceases for more than 14 consecutive days between November 15<sup>th</sup> and Spring snow melt. See Rules section 5.3.4a-g for more detail on this provision.

## What are examples of sediment and erosion control methods?

Please note, NMCWD neither endorses nor discourages certain practices by naming/picturing them below

Erosion Control Practices	Sediment Control Practices	
Purpose: Preventing erosion from starting	Purpose: Preventing sediment from leaving site	
1. Hydromulch	8. Silt fences	
2. Scattering straw or mulch (90% coverage)	9. Temporary berm	
3. Poly sheeting	10. Sediment control logs	
4. Horizontal wheel tracks on hill	11. Sandbags	
5. Vegetating (temporary or permanent –	12. Inlet protections	
hydroseeding, temporary seeding, sodding)	13. Floating silt curtain	
6. Erosion control blankets (must have	14. Construction exits (rock, tracking pads, etc.)	
biodegradable netting)		















# Exhibits to include with permit application for Rule 5.0:

## **CHECK LIST:**



A site plan showing:		plan showing:	
		A topographic map of existing and proposed conditions that clearly indicate all hydrologic features and areas where grading will expose soils to erosion, as well as the flow direction of all runoff (rain and snowmelt)	
		☐ Single-family home projects can choose to comply with this by marking up satellite imagery	
		Name, address and phone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of all erosion and sediment control measures	
		Clear identification of all temporary erosion and sediment control measures that will remain in place until ground is vegetated	
		Clear identification of all final erosion control measures and their locations;	
		Clear identification of staging areas, as applicable	
		Delineation of any floodplain and/or wetland area changes	
		Tabulation of the construction implementation schedule	
	Other	Other items:	
		A statement granting NMCWD personnel and any of NMCWD's authorized representatives to access the site for inspection purposes	
		The name, address, and telephone number(s) of all contractors undertaking land-disturbing activities as part of the permitted project	
		Designation of an individual who will remain liable to the District for performance under this rule from the time the permitted activities commence until vegetative cover is established and the District has certified satisfaction with erosion and sediment control requirements	

