



Excavating Your Site

If you are involved in the construction industry, you are required to create the circumstances necessary to reduce any adverse environmental impacts of building activities.

All construction work must be carried out in such a way as to prevent pollution of the stormwater system.

The following guidelines are aimed at the various building activities and trades involved on a typical building site.

Site excavation

Limit disturbance at a site when cutting, filling and excavating the building platform.

Preserving as much grassed area as possible will assist in filtering sediment from stormwater runoff before it reaches the drainage system.

Dust during excavation

Dust at a site should be controlled so as to limit nuisance to nearby residents and pollution of stormwater systems.

Dust levels can be controlled by regularly and lightly watering dust-prone areas. However, avoid excess watering as it can cause damage and erosion.

Water must not be used to control dust or other pollutants resulting from building works unless it is applied from a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or directly from a motor vehicle designed to carry and deposit water.



WARNING: \$300 on-the-spot fine may apply.

Site disturbance

Vehicles should enter and leave the site by the access driveway to limit the tracking of mud and/or soil on to roads.

Any sediment deposited on roads or adjacent properties must be removed at the conclusion of daily construction activities. Use a shovel or broom not a hose.

Always ensure that loads are covered to prevent materials or litter blowing off.

Litter

Ensure that all litter is contained on site to prevent any materials from being blown or washed into the stormwater system.

Noise

While construction activity is often noisy, you are required to take steps to prevent or minimise any unreasonable impacts on the local community.

Such activities not only involve construction-related tasks but also include concrete trucks parked on roadways, concrete mixers located on footpaths, and excessive noise from radios and mobile phones.

Regular construction activity should be restricted to between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday.

Extremely noisy activities, such as brick cutting and the use of jackhammers or similar equipment in close proximity to residential areas, should not be carried out before 9am.



For further information

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