



# Erosion and Sediment Control Tips For Developers and Contractors



Run-off from construction sites is a major contributor of sediment and pollutants entering our local wetlands and streams.

By **pre-planning and implementing Best Management Practices** your construction site activities can keep important resources clean and free of toxins.

- Obtain Local Stormwater and Land Disturbance Permits. Contact the Oxford Land Management Office for more details at 508-987-6045.
- Obtain Local Order of Conditions if near any wetlands, ponds or streams. Contact the Oxford Conservation Office for more details at 508-987-6044.
- Obtain coverage under the EPA NPDES Construction General Permit if greater than one acre of disturbance is proposed and stormwater may leave your site. Visit [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp) for more information.
- Refer to the Mass DEP's Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas, <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/qz/esfull.pdf>, for site specific guidance in planning and designing effective erosion and sediment control practices.
- Schedule excavation and grading in such a manner that stormwater is controlled and any flow offsite or into a resource area is clean rain water only.
- Leave as much existing vegetation as possible and stabilize all disturbed areas with temporary or permanent measures as soon as possible and in accordance with your approvals.
- Designate material and equipment storage as far away from wetlands and storm drain inlets as possible. Surround all stockpiles with sediment control such as silt fence and cover as necessary.
- Inspect and maintain all erosion/sediment control measures on a regular basis. Remove any built up sediment once it reaches one-half the height of the erosion/sediment control device.
- Keep a supply of spare erosion/sediment control devices on site for emergency repairs.
- Protect all catch basins and drain inlets down-gradient of any disturbance. Inspect measures and remove any accumulated sediment after every rain event.
- Install and maintain a stone construction entrance/exit that will prevent tracking or flowing of sediment onto the public right-of-way. Any sediment tracked onto the public right-of-way should be cleaned up immediately.