

STORMWATER BMP'S FOR CONSTRUCTION

Collier County requires all construction sites, even those disturbing under an acre, to maintain Best Management Practices (BMPs) that prevent construction site pollutants from impairing wetlands, preserves and stormwater systems onsite, nearby, or downstream.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Construction sites disturbing an acre or more of groundcover are required to have an National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection before site clearing begins. A copy of the Notice of Intent for the CGP must be provided to Collier County prior to site clearing. The CGP has stringent standards and carries substantial fines for violations.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE CGP INCLUDE:

- Implementation of your stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP);
- Conducting and documenting routine inspections;
- Maintaining and adding BMPs over and above the SWPPP to achieve the objectives; and
- Retaining the records required by the permit (including your SWPPP) at the construction site or specified alternate location.

THE PURPOSE

The most common construction-related pollutant is sediment leaving the site. Preventing sediment from leaving the site will protect aquatic life and ensure compliance with Collier County's federal stormwater system permit. Staying in compliance with this permit means fewer restrictions on land-use activity and better overall local water quality.

Collier County appreciates the cooperation of the construction community in preventing construction site pollution from impacting off-site facilities, property and water resources. Please emphasize the importance of erosion control, silt fence maintenance, and inlet protection to site personnel. Complete grading and sodding in an expeditious manner and use common-sense planning of construction activities during the rainy season.

Thank you for being part of the team that protects Collier County's local waterbodies.

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