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EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL Minimum requirements for land-disturbing projects

Land alteration (clearing, grading, cut fill, construction, etc.) has the potential to create erosion and sedimentation which adversely affects the quality of local water bodies. Therefore, erosion and sediment control is required on all land-disturbing projects in the City of Bellingham.

SMALL PARCELS are defined under Bellingham Municipal Code BMC 15.42.060(1) as projects that meet the following criteria:

- Single-family home / duplex construction, or
- Less than 5,000 square feet impervious surface (roof, driveways, etc.), and
- Less than 1 acre of land disturbance.

LARGE PARCELS are defined under BMC 15.42.060(2) as projects that exceed the above thresholds. Large parcels must prepare a formal Stormwater Management Plan – contact the Public Works Department's Engineering Division at 676-6961 for details.



Five MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS are specified for small-parcel construction:

1. **CONSTRUCTION ACCESS ROUTE:** Limit access to site to one route when possible, and stabilize the entrance to prevent tracking of soils. (See sketch on back.)
2. **STABILIZATION OF DENUDED AREAS:** Limit the number of days that soil is exposed. Stabilize by covering with mulch, sod, plastic or seeding.
3. **PROTECTION OF ADJACENT PROPERTIES:** Keep sediment on-site using vegetated buffer strips or silt fence. (See silt fence sketch on back.)
4. **MAINTENANCE:** Maintain erosion and sediment control devices as long as they are needed.
5. **OTHER DEVICES:** Use additional devices, if necessary