Construction site owners and operators in the City of Escondido are required to comply with local, state and federal storm water regulations. Construction sites can contribute pollutants such as sediment, metals and chemicals to our local creeks, lagoons and the ocean. Urban runoff in Escondido is regulated by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPES) permit program and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, which give the City the authority to enforce water quality regulations.

Storm drains are not connected to treatment facilities, and flow directly into our creeks, and the ocean. All site owners, developers and contractors must implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent illegal discharges to the storm drain system. The City of Escondido’s staff is dedicated to ensuring that construction sites comply with storm water regulations. By working together, we can help protect our natural resources for future generations.

Best Management Practices, or BMPs, are methods and behaviors to prevent pollutants from leaving construction sites and entering the storm drain system. Proper implementation and maintenance of BMPs is crucial to protecting our waterways. The following is a list of minimum BMPs that must be implemented at all construction sites:

• Develop spill response and containment procedures
• Educate employees and subcontractors about BMPs
• Develop a SWPPP or erosion control plan as required, and update as site conditions change
• Regularly maintain all BMPs at the project site
• Monitor weather conditions to ensure adequate BMP implementation

The City of Escondido has established an inspection and enforcement program to ensure that construction sites comply with storm water regulations. Site owners, developers and contractors can be held responsible for violations, administrative citations and civil penalties.

For More Information

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The City’s Report It! app is the quickest way to report issues to the City. You can also report an issue to the Maintenance & Operations Hotline at 760-839-4668 or (after hours) Police non-emergency dispatch at 760-839-4722.

Thank you for partnering with the City to help keep Escondido safe and clean.
Water that goes down streets, gutter, and storm drains is not treated before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. All sources of pollution, including soil and sediment, are prohibited from leaving your project and entering streets or storm drains—only rain in the storm drain.

**Grading Activities**
- Properly stabilize slopes and unprotected areas. Protect stockpiles. Disturbed areas must be fully protected prior to rain. Dust control shall be maintained throughout all phases of construction.

**Equipment & Machinery**
- Store all equipment and machinery onsite. Drip pans or containment pools should be placed beneath equipment and machinery when not in use. Immediately contain and clean up spills/leaks.

**Washout Area**
- Dispose of “wet” construction materials such as paint, stucco, and concrete in the washout area. Use a berm and/or plastic sheet to collect and contain materials. Washout areas must be covered when not in use. Inspect and maintain washout areas daily.

**Concrete Trucks/ Pumpers**
- Use BMPs such as 3” gravel or shaker plates at entrances and exits to prevent sediment tracking. If sediment is tracked offsite, street sweeping is required. Inspect and maintain tracking control BMPs on a regular basis.

**Stabilized Construction Entrance**
- Place plastic sheets beneath machinery and trucks. Clean up any residual materials. Use washout areas whenever cleaning trucks and equipment. Properly dispose of materials.

**Perimeter Controls/ Erosion Control**
- Use perimeter control, such as gravel bags, silt fences, and/or straw wattles to control run-on and run-off. Avoid running over perimeter controls with vehicles or heavy equipment. Maintain BMP stockpiles and keep absorbent materials on site to contain spills or potential discharges. Inspect and maintain erosion and perimeter control BMPs daily and before any forecasted rain event.

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**Storm Drains**
- Protect storm drains and treatment control structures. Inspect, maintain and clean storm drain BMPs as needed.

**Secondary containment is required around all portable restrooms. Portable restrooms must be stored away from storm drains and on level surfaces.**

**Portable Restroom**
- Cover dumpsters with a rollback tarp when not in use. Regularly inspect the dumpster area and clean as necessary.

**Paint & Stucco**
- All paint and stucco materials stored on the site must be contained and covered. It is illegal for contractors to wash out paint brushes in the street. Paint brushes and spray guns shall be washed/cleaned out into a hazardous materials drum or back into its original container and disposed of properly.

**Building Materials/ Staging Areas**
- Cover and contain building materials and equipment stored onsite.