

Why You are Responsible

You are a homeowner in a house permitted by CCWD and responsible for stabilizing the soil in your yard because either:

- your contractor didn't do it
- your contractor doesn't appear to be doing a good job with sediment and erosion control.

As the homeowner, you are responsible for complying with your permit jointly with your contractor for CCWD Rule 4. Soils & Erosion Control: www.cooncreekwd.org/rules

Why is Erosion & Sediment Control Important?

Rain or snowmelt runoff from roads, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, & other impervious or compacted surfaces carries pollutants from those surfaces to our waters. This is stormwater pollution, our #1 water pollutant!

Dirt/soil/sand can be stormwater pollutants in 2 ways:

When the particles get into waterways, they can cause cloudiness, blocking sunlight which kills aquatic plants which then die and decay possibly causing algae blooms or fish kill; or particles clog the gills of fish and other aquatic critters. And, other pollutants attach to the soil particles, getting carried into water. Examples: phosphorus, nitrogen, bacteria from pet waste.

Keep the soil in place by stabilizing it.

Common methods include:

- sodding or seeding the yard
- erosion control blankets
- straw or hay
- hydromulch (good for large areas)



Limit sediment leaving the property.

Common methods include:

- silt fence
- biologs or biorolls
- vegetated earthen berms



Prevent sediment from tracking into the street.

Common methods include:

- crushed rock driveway entrance
- wheel wash station

