

DANE COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES

Land Conservation Division

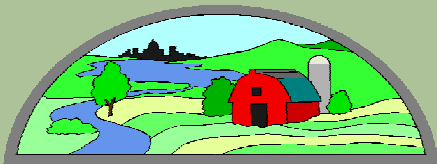
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Erosion Control & Stormwater Management News

Greetings contractors and consultants. Our second annual newsletter is a focused effort to inform you of regulatory and administrative changes to the county's erosion control and stormwater management program. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this information and the permitting requirements of Chapters 11 and 14 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

Did you know that in addition to the landowner, a contractor can be held accountable for violating Dane County Ordinance?

Please contact us with any questions regarding permit applicability and permit requirements. Additional information and technical resources can be found on our website.



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What's New in 2011?

New stormwater infiltration requirements for non-residential development

In response to new state rules under NR 151, Dane County modified the non-residential stormwater infiltration standard. The change requires non-residential sites to infiltrate 90% of the annual pre-development volume. This change brings the non-residential infiltration standards in line with the residential standards. There are other revisions to the county ordinance in response to the revised NR 115 state rule that will be coming soon. Please continue to check our website for updates as the ordinance amendments are finalized.

Do You Have an Erosion Control Permit?

Utility Work

It is a common misconception that utility work is exempt from erosion control and stormwater management permitting. In fact, utility work must be permitted before land disturbing activity begins.

The type of erosion control permit required for utility work will be dependant on project location. Shoreland Erosion Control permits must be obtained when land disturbing activity will occur in the Shoreland Zone. The requirements for obtaining an erosion control permit can be found here: <http://countyofdane.com/lwr/permit/#kinds>

Other Land Disturbing Activity

If you or your business is involved in land disturbing activity, it is your responsibility to make sure the necessary permits have been obtained prior to disturbing ground. **Any contractor performing land disturbing activity without the appropriate permits is subject to citation. The minimum amount of forfeiture is \$641.50.**

A permit card must be posted on site prior to disturbing soil. If you don't see an erosion control permit card posted, the project may not have the necessary permits. For questions regarding permit applicability or issuance please contact our office.

Reminder: After-the-fact Permit Fees

Dane County Ordinances requires that a permit fees must be doubled if the project begins before a permit is issued. Land Conservation staff cannot waive double permit fees. The only way to avoid double fees is to obtain a permit before you disturb ground.