



## Construction Stormwater General Permit

### Draft Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

for

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## CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ELEMENTS

### **OBJECTIVE OF STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN**

The purpose of a *Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)* is to describe the potential for pollution problems during the duration of a construction project. The SWPPP also explains and illustrates the measures that may need to be taken on the construction site to control said problems. The SWPPP is a guideline for the Contractor to follow during the construction process to prevent erosion and migration of sediments. Erosion control measures are not limited to those that are identified in this SWPPP or on the temporary erosion and sediment control plans. Construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) shall be installed as necessary to meet the Department of Ecology's guidelines for construction stormwater pollution prevention and the requirements that are set forth in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

This SWPPP was prepared in accordance to the established guidelines and BMPs that are set forth in *Volume 2 of the 2009 City of Olympia Drainage Design and Erosion Control Manual (DDECm)*. The DDECm describes the twelve (12) elements of construction stormwater pollution prevention. The twelve (12) elements include the following:

- Element #1 – Mark Clearing Limits
- Element #2 – Establish Construction Access
- Element #3 – Control Flow Rates
- Element #4 – Install Sediment Controls
- Element #5 – Stabilize Soils
- Element #6 – Protect Slopes
- Element #7 – Protect Drain Inlets
- Element #8 – Stabilize Channels and Outlets
- Element #9 – Control Pollutants
- Element #10 – Control Dewatering
- Element #11 – Maintain BMPs
- Element #12 – Manage the Project
- Element #13 – Protect Low Impact Development BMPs

### **SUMMARY OF ELEMENTS**

The BMPs listed in this report, or their equivalent, are required. Any revisions by the Contractor to the BMPs listed in the SWPPP shall be approved by the Engineer in writing. Thus, if the Contractor does not require a BMP or needs to modify a BMP, the Contractor shall document the reason(s) and present the documentation to the Engineer for approval.

### **ELEMENT #1 – MARK CLEARING LIMITS**

Prior to beginning land disturbing activities, which include site clearing and grading, the Contractor shall mark the clearing limits (including trees) that are to be preserved within the construction zone. High-visibility fences shall be installed/erected as shown on the temporary erosion and sediment control plan and in accordance with the landscaping plan.



The following BMPs are applicable for this project. If the following BMPs are not shown on the construction plan set, the Engineer reserves the right to direct the Contractor to install, construct, and/or implement said BMPs.

- BMP C101: Preserving Natural Vegetation
- BMP C103: High-Visibility Plastic or Metal Fence with Backup Support
- BMP C104: Stake and Wire Fence

#### ***ELEMENT #2 – ESTABLISH CONSTRUCTION ACCESS***

A stabilized construction entrance shall be constructed to minimize the tracking of sediment onto any public road. The stabilized construction entrance shall be constructed per the TESC plans and details and in accordance with the requirements of BMP C105.

- BMP C105: Stabilized Construction Entrance

#### ***ELEMENT #3 – CONTROL FLOW RATES***

Properties and waterways downstream from the development site shall be protected from erosion due to increases in the volume, velocity, and/or peak flow rates of stormwater runoff from the project site. The following BMPs are applicable for this project. If the following BMPs are not shown on the construction plan set, the Engineer reserves the right to direct the Contractor to install, construct, and/or implement said BMPs.

- BMP C240: Sediment Trap

#### ***ELEMENT #4 – INSTALL SEDIMENT CONTROLS***

Prior to leaving a construction site or prior to discharging into an infiltration facility, stormwater runoff must pass through a biofiltration swale or some other appropriate BMP for removal of sediments. Silt fence barriers shall be constructed as shown on the temporary and erosion sediment control plans. The following BMPs are applicable for this project. If the following BMPs are not shown on the construction plan set, the Engineer reserves the right to direct the Contractor to install, construct, and/or implement said BMPs.

- BMP C230: Straw Bale Barrier
- BMP C231: Brush Barrier
- BMP C232: Gravel Filter Berm
- BMP C233: Silt Fence
- BMP C234: Vegetated Filter Strip
- BMP C235: Straw Wattles
- BMP C240: Sediment Trap
- BMP C241: Temporary Sediment Pond
- BMP C251: Construction Stormwater Filtration



## **ELEMENT #5 – STABILIZE SOILS**

All exposed and unworked soils shall be stabilized by application of effective BMPs, which protect the soil from the erosive forces of raindrop impact, flowing water, and from wind erosion. From October 01 through April 30 of each calendar year, no soils shall remain exposed and unworked for more than two (2) days. From May 01 to September 30 of each calendar year, no soils shall remain exposed and unworked for more than seven (7) days. This condition applies to all on-site soils, whether at final grade or not.

In areas where the on-site soils will remain unworked for more than the aforementioned time duration limits or have reached final grade, seeding and mulching shall be installed in accordance with BMP C120 and C121. Sod shall be installed in accordance with BMP C124 for disturbed areas that require immediate vegetative cover. Dust control shall be used as needed to prevent wind transport of dust from disturbed soil surfaces and in accordance with BMP C140. If the following BMPs are not shown on the construction plan set, the Engineer reserves the right to direct the Contractor to install, construct, and/or implement said BMPs.

- BMP C120: Temporary and Permanent Seeding
- BMP C121: Mulching
- BMP C123: Plastic Covering
- BMP C124: Sodding
- BMP C125: Topsoiling
- BMP C140: Dust Control

## **ELEMENT #6 – PROTECTING SLOPES**

Slopes shall be constructed in such a manner that will minimize erosion. This shall include, but is not limited to: placing excavated material on the uphill side of trenches, collecting drainage at the top of slopes, etc. If the following BMPs are not shown on the construction plan set, the Engineer reserves the right to direct the Contractor to install, construct, and/or implement said BMPs.

- BMP C130: Surface Roughening
- BMP C200: Interceptor Dike and Swale
- BMP C205: Subsurface Drains
- BMP C204: Pipe Slope Drains
- BMP C206: Level Spreader
- BMP C207: Check Dams

## **ELEMENT #7 – PROTECT DRAIN INLETS**

All storm drain catch basins/inlets that are in use during construction, as well as all existing structures within the project limits, shall be protected so that stormwater runoff shall not enter any conveyance system without first being filtered or treated to remove sediment from sediment laden runoff. Install temporary catch basin filters as shown on the erosion and sediment control plans and in accordance with BMP C220.

- BMP C220: Storm Drain Inlet Protection



## ***ELEMENT #8 – STABILIZE CHANNELS AND OUTLETS***

All temporary on-site conveyance channels shall be constructed and stabilized to prevent erosion. Stabilization, including armoring material, adequate to prevent erosion of outlets, adjacent stream banks, slopes, and downstream reaches shall be provided at the outlets of all conveyance systems. If the following BMPs are not shown on the construction plan set, the Engineer reserves the right to direct the Contractor to install, construct, and/or implement said BMPs.

- BMP C202: Channel Lining
- BMP C209: Outlet Protection

## ***ELEMENT #9 – CONTROL POLLUTANTS***

All pollutants, including waste materials and demolition of debris, that are generated or brought on-site during construction activities shall be handled and disposed of in a manner that does not cause contamination of stormwater. Maintenance and repair of heavy equipment and vehicles involving oil changes, hydraulic system drawdown, solvent and degreasing cleaning operations, fuel tank drawdown and removal, and other activities which may result in discharge or spillage of pollutants to the ground or into stormwater runoff must be conducted using spill prevention measures. Contaminated surfaces shall be cleaned immediately following any discharge or spill incident. Emergency repairs may be performed on-site using temporary plastic placed beneath and, if raining, over the vehicle. Application of agricultural chemicals, including fertilizers and pesticides, shall be conducted in a manner and at application rates that will not result in loss of chemical(s) to stormwater runoff. Manufacturers' recommendations shall be followed for application rates and procedures. The following Source Control BMPs will be prepared/implemented by the Contractor for this project.

- A Spill Prevention Plan
- Maintenance of storm drainage facilities
- Street sweeping at an interval that's prescribed by the Engineer

## ***ELEMENT #10 – CONTROL DEWATERING***

All foundation, vault, and trench dewatering activities shall be routed to a sediment pond for basic filtering/treatment. Clean, non-turbid dewatered water, as determined by the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control, can be discharged to systems tributary to state surface waters, provided the dewatering flow does not cause erosion or flooding to receiving waters.

Highly turbid or otherwise contaminated dewatered water that's from construction equipment operation, clamshell digging, concrete tremie pour, or work inside a cofferdam, shall be handled separately from stormwater at the site. Some disposal options, depending on site constraints, may include:

- Transport off-site in a vehicle, such as a vacuum flush truck, for legal disposal in a manner that does not pollute State waters
- On-site treatment using chemical treatment or other suitable treatment technologies
- Sanitary sewer discharge with local sewer district's approval if there is no other option



#### **ELEMENT #11 – MAINTAIN BMPs**

All temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control BMPs shall be maintained and repaired as needed to assure continued performance of their intended function. All maintenance and repairs shall be completed in accordance with the practices, procedures, and materials for each respective BMP.

Sediment Control BMPs shall be inspected weekly or after a runoff-producing storm event during the dry season and daily during the wet season.

All temporary erosion and Sediment Control BMPs shall be removed within thirty (30) days after final site stabilization is achieved or after the temporary BMPs are no longer needed. Trapped sediment shall be removed or stabilized on-site. Disturbed soil areas resulting from removal of BMPs or vegetation shall be permanently stabilized.

#### **ELEMENT #12 – MANAGE THE PROJECT**

- Phasing of Construction - the project shall be phased where feasible in order to prevent, to the maximum extent practicable, the transport of sediment from the site during construction. Revegetation of exposed areas and maintenance of said vegetation shall be an integral part of the clearing activities for each phase.
- Seasonal Work Limitations - from October 01 through April 30, clearing, grading, and other soil disturbing activities shall only be permitted if shown to the satisfaction of the local permitting authority that silt-laden runoff will be prevented from leaving the construction site.

The following activities are exempt for the seasonal clearing and grading limitations:

1. Routine maintenance and necessary repair of erosion and sediment control BMPs.
2. Routine maintenance of public facilities or existing utility structures that do not expose the soil or result in the removal of the vegetative cover to the soil.
3. Activities where there is 100% infiltration of surface runoff within the site in approved and installed erosion and sediment control facilities.

- Inspection and Monitoring - all BMPs shall be inspected, maintained, and repaired as needed to assure continued performance of their intended function.

The Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control for this project is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ shall be on-site or on-call at all times during construction. The role of the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control is to identify problems or failures of erosion control measures in the field and to promptly initiate corrective measures. The Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control shall be compensated by the Contractor.

Sampling and analysis of discharged stormwater from the construction site may be necessary to ensure compliance with the standards.



Whenever inspection and/or monitoring reveals that the BMPs identified in the Construction SWPPP are inadequate, due to the actual discharge of or potential to discharge a significant amount of any pollutant, the *Construction SWPPP* shall be modified, as appropriate, in a timely manner.

- Maintenance of the Construction SWPPP - the Construction SWPPP shall be retained on-site or within reasonable access to the site. The Construction SWPPP shall be modified whenever there is a significant change in the design, construction, operation, and/or maintenance of any BMP.

#### ***ELEMENT #13 – Protect Low Impact Development BMPs***

All temporary and permanent erosion and sediment control BMPs shall be maintained and repaired as needed to assure continued performance of their intended function. All maintenance and repairs shall be completed in accordance with the practices, procedures, and materials for each respective BMP.

All Bioretention and Rain Garden BMPs shall be protected from sedimentation through installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment control BMPs.

- BMP C102: Buffer Zone
- BMP C103: High Visibility Fence
- BMP C200: Interceptor Dike and Swale
- BMP C201: Grass-Lined Channels
- BMP C207: Check Dams
- BMP C208: Triangular Silt Dike (TSD) (Geotextile-Encased Check Dam)
- BMP C231: Brush Barrier
- BMP C233: Silt Fence
- BMP C234: Vegetated Strip

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

### ***LOCATION***

The site address for the Briggs West Residential project is 1200 Eagle Bend Drive SE Olympia WA 98503

### ***PROJECT OVERVIEW***

The proposed project will include a preliminary plat for a 46 lot property.

## **EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS**

### ***EXISTING DRAINAGE SYSTEM***

The majority of the existing drainage flows into the south kettle drainage facility.

### ***EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY AND VEGETATION***

A majority of the proposed development area is currently forested with steep slopes into the south kettle drainage facility..

## **Appendix A – Site Plans**

## **Appendix B – Construction BMPs**

## BMP C101: Preserving Natural Vegetation

**Purpose** The purpose of preserving natural vegetation is to reduce erosion wherever practicable. Limiting site disturbance is the single most effective method for reducing erosion. For example, conifers can hold up to about 50 percent of all rain that falls during a storm. Up to 20-30 percent of this rain may never reach the ground but is taken up by the tree or evaporates. Another benefit is that the rain held in the tree can be released slowly to the ground after the storm.

**Conditions of Use** Natural vegetation should be preserved on steep slopes, near perennial and intermittent watercourses or swales, and on building sites in wooded areas.

- As required by local governments.
- Phase construction to preserve natural vegetation on the project site for as long as possible during the construction period.

**Design and Installation Specifications** Natural vegetation can be preserved in natural clumps or as individual trees, shrubs and vines.

The preservation of individual plants is more difficult because heavy equipment is generally used to remove unwanted vegetation. The points to remember when attempting to save individual plants are:

- Is the plant worth saving? Consider the location, species, size, age, vigor, and the work involved. Local governments may also have ordinances to save natural vegetation and trees.
- Fence or clearly mark areas around trees that are to be saved. It is preferable to keep ground disturbance away from the trees at least as far out as the dripline.

Plants need protection from three kinds of injuries:

- *Construction Equipment* - This injury can be above or below the ground level. Damage results from scarring, cutting of roots, and compaction of the soil. Placing a fenced buffer zone around plants to be saved prior to construction can prevent construction equipment injuries.
- *Grade Changes* - Changing the natural ground level will alter grades, which affects the plant's ability to obtain the necessary air, water, and minerals. Minor fills usually do not cause problems although sensitivity between species does vary and should be checked. Trees can typically tolerate fill of 6 inches or less. For shrubs and other plants, the fill should be less.

When there are major changes in grade, it may become necessary to supply air to the roots of plants. This can be done by placing a layer of gravel and a tile system over the roots before the fill is made. A tile system protects a tree from a raised grade. The tile system should be

laid out on the original grade leading from a dry well around the tree trunk. The system should then be covered with small stones to allow air to circulate over the root area.

Lowering the natural ground level can seriously damage trees and shrubs. The highest percentage of the plant roots are in the upper 12 inches of the soil and cuts of only 2-3 inches can cause serious injury. To protect the roots it may be necessary to terrace the immediate area around the plants to be saved. If roots are exposed, construction of retaining walls may be needed to keep the soil in place. Plants can also be preserved by leaving them on an undisturbed, gently sloping mound. To increase the chances for survival, it is best to limit grade changes and other soil disturbances to areas outside the dripline of the plant.

- *Excavations* - Protect trees and other plants when excavating for drainfields, power, water, and sewer lines. Where possible, the trenches should be routed around trees and large shrubs. When this is not possible, it is best to tunnel under them. This can be done with hand tools or with power augers. If it is not possible to route the trench around plants to be saved, then the following should be observed:

Cut as few roots as possible. When you have to cut, cut clean. Paint cut root ends with a wood dressing like asphalt base paint if roots will be exposed for more than 24-hours.

Backfill the trench as soon as possible.

Tunnel beneath root systems as close to the center of the main trunk to preserve most of the important feeder roots.

Some problems that can be encountered with a few specific trees are:

- Maple, Dogwood, Red alder, Western hemlock, Western red cedar, and Douglas fir do not readily adjust to changes in environment and special care should be taken to protect these trees.
- The windthrow hazard of Pacific silver fir and madrona is high, while that of Western hemlock is moderate. The danger of windthrow increases where dense stands have been thinned. Other species (unless they are on shallow, wet soils less than 20 inches deep) have a low windthrow hazard.
- Cottonwoods, maples, and willows have water-seeking roots. These can cause trouble in sewer lines and infiltration fields. On the other hand, they thrive in high moisture conditions that other trees would not.
- Thinning operations in pure or mixed stands of Grand fir, Pacific silver fir, Noble fir, Sitka spruce, Western red cedar, Western hemlock, Pacific dogwood, and Red alder can cause serious disease problems. Disease can become established through damaged limbs, trunks, roots,

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and freshly cut stumps. Diseased and weakened trees are also susceptible to insect attack.

Inspect flagged and/or fenced areas regularly to make sure flagging or fencing has not been removed or damaged. If the flagging or fencing has been damaged or visibility reduced, it shall be repaired or replaced immediately and visibility restored.

- If tree roots have been exposed or injured, “prune” cleanly with an appropriate pruning saw or lopers directly above the damaged roots and recover with native soils. Treatment of sap flowing trees (fir, hemlock, pine, soft maples) is not advised as sap forms a natural healing barrier.

## **BMP C103: High Visibility Fence**

<b>Purpose</b>	Fencing is intended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Restrict clearing to approved limits.</li><li>2. Prevent disturbance of sensitive areas, their buffers, and other areas required to be left undisturbed.</li><li>3. Limit construction traffic to designated construction entrances, exits, or internal roads.</li><li>4. Protect areas where marking with survey tape may not provide adequate protection.</li></ol>
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	To establish clearing limits plastic, fabric, or metal fence may be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At the boundary of sensitive areas, their buffers, and other areas required to be left uncleared.</li><li>• As necessary to control vehicle access to and on the site.</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	High visibility plastic fence shall be composed of a high-density polyethylene material and shall be at least four feet in height. Posts for the fencing shall be steel or wood and placed every 6 feet on center (maximum) or as needed to ensure rigidity. The fencing shall be fastened to the post every six inches with a polyethylene tie. On long continuous lengths of fencing, a tension wire or rope shall be used as a top stringer to prevent sagging between posts. The fence color shall be high visibility orange. The fence tensile strength shall be 360 lbs./ft. using the ASTM D4595 testing method.  If appropriate install fabric silt fence in accordance with <a href="#">BMP C233</a> to act as high visibility fence. Silt fence shall be at least 3 feet high and must be highly visible to meet the requirements of this BMP.  Metal fences shall be designed and installed according to the manufacturer's specifications.  Metal fences shall be at least 3 feet high and must be highly visible.  Fences shall not be wired or stapled to trees.
<b>Maintenance Standards</b>	If the fence has been damaged or visibility reduced, it shall be repaired or replaced immediately and visibility restored.

## BMP C105: Stabilized Construction Entrance / Exit

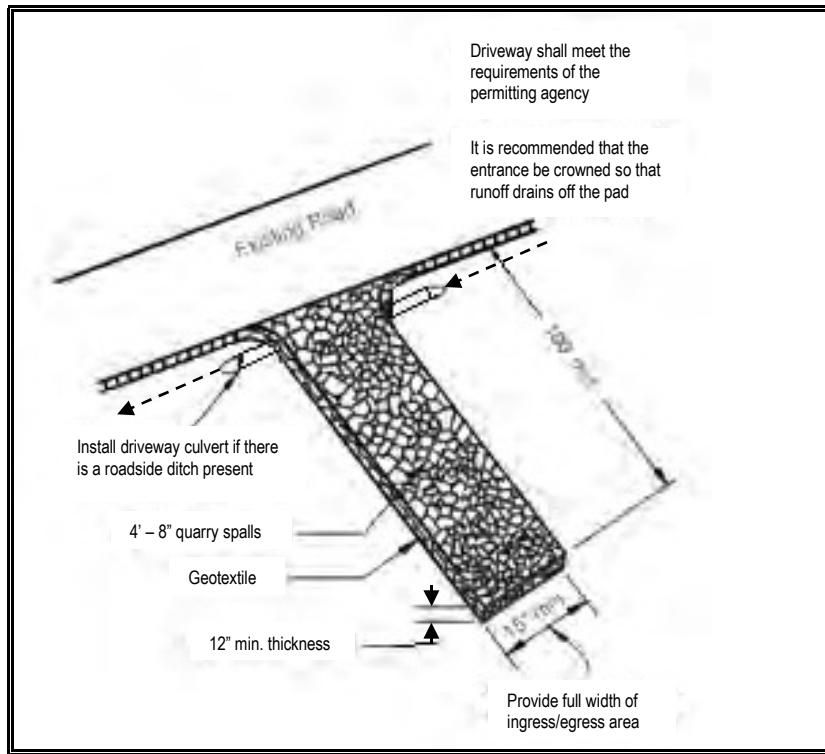
<b>Purpose</b>	Stabilized Construction entrances are established to reduce the amount of sediment transported onto paved roads by vehicles or equipment. This is done by constructing a stabilized pad of quarry spalls at entrances and exits for construction sites.								
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	<p>Construction entrances shall be stabilized wherever traffic will be entering or leaving a construction site if paved roads or other paved areas are within 1,000 feet of the site.</p> <p>For residential construction provide stabilized construction entrances for each residence, rather than only at the main subdivision entrance.</p> <p>Stabilized surfaces shall be of sufficient length/width to provide vehicle access/parking, based on lot size/configuration.</p>								
	<p>On large commercial, highway, and road projects, the designer should include enough extra materials in the contract to allow for additional stabilized entrances not shown in the initial Construction SWPPP. It is difficult to determine exactly where access to these projects will take place; additional materials will enable the contractor to install them where needed.</p>								
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<p>See <a href="#">Figure 4.1.1</a> for details. Note: the 100' minimum length of the entrance shall be reduced to the maximum practicable size when the size or configuration of the site does not allow the full length (100').</p> <p>Construct stabilized construction entrances with a 12-inch thick pad of 4-inch to 8-inch quarry spalls, a 4-inch course of asphalt treated base (ATB), or use existing pavement. Do not use crushed concrete, cement, or calcium chloride for construction entrance stabilization because these products raise pH levels in stormwater and concrete discharge to surface waters of the State is prohibited.</p> <p>A separation geotextile shall be placed under the spalls to prevent fine sediment from pumping up into the rock pad. The geotextile shall meet the following standards:</p>								
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Consider early installation of the first lift of asphalt in areas that will be paved; this can be used as a stabilized entrance. Also consider the installation of excess concrete as a stabilized entrance. During large concrete pours, excess concrete is often available for this purpose.</li></ul>									

- Fencing (see [BMP C103](#)) shall be installed as necessary to restrict traffic to the construction entrance.
- Whenever possible, the entrance shall be constructed on a firm, compacted subgrade. This can substantially increase the effectiveness of the pad and reduce the need for maintenance.
- Construction entrances should avoid crossing existing sidewalks and back of walk drains if at all possible. If a construction entrance must cross a sidewalk or back of walk drain, the full length of the sidewalk and back of walk drain must be covered and protected from sediment leaving the site.

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Quarry spalls shall be added if the pad is no longer in accordance with the specifications.

- If the entrance is not preventing sediment from being tracked onto pavement, then alternative measures to keep the streets free of sediment shall be used. This may include replacement/cleaning of the existing quarry spalls, street sweeping, an increase in the dimensions of the entrance, or the installation of a wheel wash.
- Any sediment that is tracked onto pavement shall be removed by shoveling or street sweeping. The sediment collected by sweeping shall be removed or stabilized on site. The pavement shall not be cleaned by washing down the street, except when high efficiency sweeping is ineffective and there is a threat to public safety. If it is necessary to wash the streets, the construction of a small sump to contain the wash water shall be considered. The sediment would then be washed into the sump where it can be controlled.
- Perform street sweeping by hand or with a high efficiency sweeper. Do not use a non-high efficiency mechanical sweeper because this creates dust and throws soils into storm systems or conveyance ditches.
- Any quarry spalls that are loosened from the pad, which end up on the roadway shall be removed immediately.
- If vehicles are entering or exiting the site at points other than the construction entrance(s), fencing (see [BMP C103](#)) shall be installed to control traffic.
- Upon project completion and site stabilization, all construction accesses intended as permanent access for maintenance shall be permanently stabilized.



**Figure 4.1.1 – Stabilized Construction Entrance**

***Approved as Equivalent***

Ecology has approved products as able to meet the requirements of [BMP C105](#). The products did not pass through the Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) process. Local jurisdictions may choose not to accept this product approved as equivalent, or may require additional testing prior to consideration for local use. The products are available for review on Ecology's website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/newtech/equivalent.html>

## **BMP C107: Construction Road/Parking Area Stabilization**

<b>Purpose</b>	Stabilizing subdivision roads, parking areas, and other on-site vehicle transportation routes immediately after grading reduces erosion caused by construction traffic or runoff.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	Roads or parking areas shall be stabilized wherever they are constructed, whether permanent or temporary, for use by construction traffic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High Visibility Fencing (see <a href="#">BMP C103</a>) shall be installed, if necessary, to limit the access of vehicles to only those roads and parking areas that are stabilized.</li><li>• On areas that will receive asphalt as part of the project, install the first lift as soon as possible.</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A 6-inch depth of 2- to 4-inch crushed rock, gravel base, or crushed surfacing base course shall be applied immediately after grading or utility installation. A 4-inch course of asphalt treated base (ATB) may also be used, or the road/parking area may be paved. It may also be possible to use cement or calcium chloride for soil stabilization. If cement or cement kiln dust is used for roadbase stabilization, pH monitoring and BMPs (<a href="#">BMPs C252</a> and <a href="#">C253</a>) are necessary to evaluate and minimize the effects on stormwater. If the area will not be used for permanent roads, parking areas, or structures, a 6-inch depth of hog fuel may also be used, but this is likely to require more maintenance. Whenever possible, construction roads and parking areas shall be placed on a firm, compacted subgrade.</li><li>• Temporary road gradients shall not exceed 15 percent. Roadways shall be carefully graded to drain. Drainage ditches shall be provided on each side of the roadway in the case of a crowned section, or on one side in the case of a super-elevated section. Drainage ditches shall be directed to a sediment control BMP.</li><li>• Rather than relying on ditches, it may also be possible to grade the road so that runoff sheet-flows into a heavily vegetated area with a well-developed topsoil. Landscaped areas are not adequate. If this area has at least 50 feet of vegetation that water can flow through, then it is generally preferable to use the vegetation to treat runoff, rather than a sediment pond or trap. The 50 feet shall not include wetlands or their buffers. If runoff is allowed to sheetflow through adjacent vegetated areas, it is vital to design the roadways and parking areas so that no concentrated runoff is created.</li><li>• Storm drain inlets shall be protected to prevent sediment-laden water entering the storm drain system (see <a href="#">BMP C220</a>).</li></ul>
<b>Maintenance Standards</b>	Inspect stabilized areas regularly, especially after large storm events. Crushed rock, gravel base, etc. shall be added as required to maintain a

stable driving surface and to stabilize any areas that have eroded.

Following construction, these areas shall be restored to pre-construction condition or better to prevent future erosion.

Perform street cleaning at the end of each day or more often if necessary.

## **BMP C120: Temporary and Permanent Seeding**

<b>Purpose</b>	Seeding reduces erosion by stabilizing exposed soils. A well-established vegetative cover is one of the most effective methods of reducing erosion.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	<p>Use seeding throughout the project on disturbed areas that have reached final grade or that will remain unworked for more than 30 days.</p> <p>The optimum seeding windows for western Washington are April 1 through June 30 and September 1 through October 1.</p> <p>Between July 1 and August 30 seeding requires irrigation until 75 percent grass cover is established.</p> <p>Between October 1 and March 30 seeding requires a cover of mulch with straw or an erosion control blanket until 75 percent grass cover is established.</p> <p>Review all disturbed areas in late August to early September and complete all seeding by the end of September. Otherwise, vegetation will not establish itself enough to provide more than average protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mulch is required at all times for seeding because it protects seeds from heat, moisture loss, and transport due to runoff. Mulch can be applied on top of the seed or simultaneously by hydroseeding. See <a href="#"><u>BMP C121: Mulching</u></a> for specifications.</li><li>• Seed and mulch, all disturbed areas not otherwise vegetated at final site stabilization. Final stabilization means the completion of all soil disturbing activities at the site and the establishment of a permanent vegetative cover, or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as pavement, riprap, gabions or geotextiles) which will prevent erosion.</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<p>Seed retention/detention ponds as required.</p> <p>Install channels intended for vegetation before starting major earthwork and hydroseed with a Bonded Fiber Matrix. For vegetated channels that will have high flows, install erosion control blankets over hydroseed. Before allowing water to flow in vegetated channels, establish 75 percent vegetation cover. If vegetated channels cannot be established by seed before water flow; install sod in the channel bottom—over hydromulch and erosion control blankets.</p>

- Confirm the installation of all required surface water control measures to prevent seed from washing away.
- Hydroseed applications shall include a minimum of 1,500 pounds per acre of mulch with 3 percent tackifier. See [BMP C121: Mulching](#) for specifications.
- Areas that will have seeding only and not landscaping may need compost or meal-based mulch included in the hydroseed in order to establish vegetation. Re-install native topsoil on the disturbed soil surface before application.
- When installing seed via hydroseeding operations, only about 1/3 of the seed actually ends up in contact with the soil surface. This reduces the ability to establish a good stand of grass quickly. To overcome this, consider increasing seed quantities by up to 50 percent.
- Enhance vegetation establishment by dividing the hydromulch operation into two phases:
  1. Phase 1- Install all seed and fertilizer with 25-30 percent mulch and tackifier onto soil in the first lift.
  2. Phase 2- Install the rest of the mulch and tackifier over the first lift.
 Or, enhance vegetation by:
  1. Installing the mulch, seed, fertilizer, and tackifier in one lift.
  2. Spread or blow straw over the top of the hydromulch at a rate of 800-1000 pounds per acre.
  3. Hold straw in place with a standard tackifier.

Both of these approaches will increase cost moderately but will greatly improve and enhance vegetative establishment. The increased cost may be offset by the reduced need for:

- Irrigation.
- Reapplication of mulch.
- Repair of failed slope surfaces.

This technique works with standard hydromulch (1,500 pounds per acre minimum) and BFM/MBFMs (3,000 pounds per acre minimum).

- Seed may be installed by hand if:
  - Temporary and covered by straw, mulch, or topsoil.
  - Permanent in small areas (usually less than 1 acre) and covered with mulch, topsoil, or erosion blankets.
- The seed mixes listed in the tables below include recommended mixes for both temporary and permanent seeding.

- Apply these mixes, with the exception of the wetland mix, at a rate of 120 pounds per acre. This rate can be reduced if soil amendments or slow-release fertilizers are used.
- Consult the local suppliers or the local conservation district for their recommendations because the appropriate mix depends on a variety of factors, including location, exposure, soil type, slope, and expected foot traffic. Alternative seed mixes approved by the local authority may be used.
- Other mixes may be appropriate, depending on the soil type and hydrology of the area.
- [Table 4.1.2](#) lists the standard mix for areas requiring a temporary vegetative cover.

**Table 4.1.2  
Temporary Erosion Control Seed Mix**

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Chewings or annual blue grass <i>Festuca rubra var. commutata</i> or <i>Poa anna</i>	40	98	90
Perennial rye - <i>Lolium perenne</i>	50	98	90
Redtop or colonial bentgrass <i>Agrostis alba</i> or <i>Agrostis tenuis</i>	5	92	85
White dutch clover <i>Trifolium repens</i>	5	98	90

- [Table 4.1.3](#) lists a recommended mix for landscaping seed.

**Table 4.1.3  
Landscaping Seed Mix**

	% Weight	% Purity	% Germination
Perennial rye blend <i>Lolium perenne</i>	70	98	90
Chewings and red fescue blend <i>Festuca rubra var. commutata</i> or <i>Festuca rubra</i>	30	98	90

- [Table 4.1.4](#) lists a turf seed mix for dry situations where there is no need for watering. This mix requires very little maintenance.

<b>Table 4.1.4 Low-Growing Turf Seed Mix</b>			
	<b>% Weight</b>	<b>% Purity</b>	<b>% Germination</b>
Dwarf tall fescue (several varieties) <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> var.	45	98	90
Dwarf perennial rye (Barclay) <i>Lolium perenne</i> var. <i>barclay</i>	30	98	90
Red fescue <i>Festuca rubra</i>	20	98	90
Colonial bentgrass <i>Agrostis tenuis</i>	5	98	90

- [Table 4.1.5](#) lists a mix for bioswales and other intermittently wet areas.

<b>Table 4.1.5 Bioswale Seed Mix*</b>			
	<b>% Weight</b>	<b>% Purity</b>	<b>% Germination</b>
Tall or meadow fescue <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> or <i>Festuca elatior</i>	75-80	98	90
Seaside/Creeping bentgrass <i>Agrostis palustris</i>	10-15	92	85
Redtop bentgrass <i>Agrostis alba</i> or <i>Agrostis gigantea</i>	5-10	90	80

\* Modified Briargreen, Inc. Hydroseeding Guide Wetlands Seed Mix

- [Table 4.1.6](#) lists a low-growing, relatively non-invasive seed mix appropriate for very wet areas that are not regulated wetlands. Apply this mixture at a rate of 60 pounds per acre. Consult Hydraulic Permit Authority (HPA) for seed mixes if applicable.

<b>Table 4.1.6 Wet Area Seed Mix*</b>			
	<b>% Weight</b>	<b>% Purity</b>	<b>% Germination</b>
Tall or meadow fescue <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> or <i>Festuca elatior</i>	60-70	98	90
Seaside/Creeping bentgrass <i>Agrostis palustris</i>	10-15	98	85
Meadow foxtail <i>Alepocturus pratensis</i>	10-15	90	80
Alsike clover <i>Trifolium hybridum</i>	1-6	98	90
Redtop bentgrass <i>Agrostis alba</i>	1-6	92	85

\* Modified Briargreen, Inc. Hydroseeding Guide Wetlands Seed Mix

- Table 4.1.7 lists a recommended meadow seed mix for infrequently maintained areas or non-maintained areas where colonization by native plants is desirable. Likely applications include rural road and utility right-of-way. Seeding should take place in September or very early October in order to obtain adequate establishment prior to the winter months. Consider the appropriateness of clover, a fairly invasive species, in the mix. Amending the soil can reduce the need for clover.

<b>Table 4.1.7 Meadow Seed Mix</b>			
	<b>% Weight</b>	<b>% Purity</b>	<b>% Germination</b>
Redtop or Oregon bentgrass <i>Agrostis alba</i> or <i>Agrostis oregonensis</i>	20	92	85
Red fescue <i>Festuca rubra</i>	70	98	90
White dutch clover <i>Trifolium repens</i>	10	98	90

- **Roughening and Rototilling:**

- The seedbed should be firm and rough. Roughen all soil no matter what the slope. Track walk slopes before seeding if engineering purposes require compaction. Backblading or smoothing of slopes greater than 4H:1V is not allowed if they are to be seeded.
- Restoration-based landscape practices require deeper incorporation than that provided by a simple single-pass rototilling treatment. Wherever practical, initially rip the subgrade to improve long-term permeability, infiltration, and water inflow qualities. At a minimum, permanent areas shall use soil amendments to achieve organic matter and permeability performance defined in engineered soil/landscape systems. For systems that are deeper than 8 inches complete the rototilling process in multiple lifts, or prepare the engineered soil system per specifications and place to achieve the specified depth.

- **Fertilizers:**

- Conducting soil tests to determine the exact type and quantity of fertilizer is recommended. This will prevent the over-application of fertilizer.
- Organic matter is the most appropriate form of fertilizer because it provides nutrients (including nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium) in the least water-soluble form.
- In general, use 10-4-6 N-P-K (nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium) fertilizer at a rate of 90 pounds per acre. Always use slow-release fertilizers because they are more efficient and have fewer environmental impacts. Do not add fertilizer to the hydromulch machine, or agitate, more than 20 minutes before use. Too much agitation destroys the slow-release coating.
- There are numerous products available that take the place of chemical fertilizers. These include several with seaweed extracts that are beneficial to soil microbes and organisms. If 100 percent cottonseed meal is used as the mulch in hydroseed, chemical fertilizer may not be necessary. Cottonseed meal provides a good source of long-term, slow-release, available nitrogen.

- **Bonded Fiber Matrix and Mechanically Bonded Fiber Matrix:**

- On steep slopes use Bonded Fiber Matrix (BFM) or Mechanically Bonded Fiber Matrix (MBFM) products. Apply BFM/MBFM products at a minimum rate of 3,000 pounds per acre of mulch with approximately 10 percent tackifier. Achieve a minimum of 95 percent soil coverage during application. Numerous products are available commercially. Installed products per manufacturer's instructions. Most products require 24-36 hours to cure before rainfall and cannot be installed on wet or saturated soils.

***Maintenance Standards***

Generally, products come in 40-50 pound bags and include all necessary ingredients except for seed and fertilizer.

- BFM and MBFMs provide good alternatives to blankets in most areas requiring vegetation establishment. Advantages over blankets include:
  - BFM and MBFMs do not require surface preparation.
  - Helicopters can assist in installing BFM and MBFMs in remote areas.
  - On slopes steeper than 2.5H:1V, blanket installers may require ropes and harnesses for safety.
  - Installing BFM and MBFMs can save at least \$1,000 per acre compared to blankets.

Reseed any seeded areas that fail to establish at least 80 percent cover (100 percent cover for areas that receive sheet or concentrated flows). If reseeding is ineffective, use an alternate method such as sodding, mulching, or nets/blankets. If winter weather prevents adequate grass growth, this time limit may be relaxed at the discretion of the local authority when sensitive areas would otherwise be protected.

- Reseed and protect by mulch any areas that experience erosion after achieving adequate cover. Reseed and protect by mulch any eroded area.
- Supply seeded areas with adequate moisture, but do not water to the extent that it causes runoff.

***Approved as Equivalent***

Ecology has approved products as able to meet the requirements of [BMP C120](#). The products did not pass through the Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) process. Local jurisdictions may choose not to accept this product approved as equivalent, or may require additional testing prior to consideration for local use. The products are available for review on Ecology's website at

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/newtech/equivalent.html>

## **BMP C123: Plastic Covering**

<b>Purpose</b>	Plastic covering provides immediate, short-term erosion protection to slopes and disturbed areas.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	Plastic covering may be used on disturbed areas that require cover measures for less than 30 days, except as stated below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plastic is particularly useful for protecting cut and fill slopes and stockpiles. Note: The relatively rapid breakdown of most polyethylene sheeting makes it unsuitable for long-term (greater than six months) applications.</li><li>Due to rapid runoff caused by plastic covering, do not use this method upslope of areas that might be adversely impacted by concentrated runoff. Such areas include steep and/or unstable slopes.</li><li>Plastic sheeting may result in increased runoff volumes and velocities, requiring additional on-site measures to counteract the increases. Creating a trough with wattles or other material can convey clean water away from these areas.</li><li>To prevent undercutting, trench and backfill rolled plastic covering products.</li><li>While plastic is inexpensive to purchase, the added cost of installation, maintenance, removal, and disposal make this an expensive material, up to \$1.50-2.00 per square yard.</li><li>Whenever plastic is used to protect slopes install water collection measures at the base of the slope. These measures include plastic-covered berms, channels, and pipes used to convey clean rainwater away from bare soil and disturbed areas. Do not mix clean runoff from a plastic covered slope with dirty runoff from a project.</li><li>Other uses for plastic include:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Temporary ditch liner.</li><li>Pond liner in temporary sediment pond.</li><li>Liner for bermed temporary fuel storage area if plastic is not reactive to the type of fuel being stored.</li><li>Emergency slope protection during heavy rains.</li><li>Temporary drainpipe (“elephant trunk”) used to direct water.</li></ol></li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plastic slope cover must be installed as follows:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Run plastic up and down slope, not across slope.</li><li>Plastic may be installed perpendicular to a slope if the slope length is less than 10 feet.</li><li>Minimum of 8-inch overlap at seams.</li></ol></li></ul>

4. On long or wide slopes, or slopes subject to wind, tape all seams.
5. Place plastic into a small (12-inch wide by 6-inch deep) slot trench at the top of the slope and backfill with soil to keep water from flowing underneath.
6. Place sand filled burlap or geotextile bags every 3 to 6 feet along seams and tie them together with twine to hold them in place.
7. Inspect plastic for rips, tears, and open seams regularly and repair immediately. This prevents high velocity runoff from contacting bare soil which causes extreme erosion.
8. Sandbags may be lowered into place tied to ropes. However, all sandbags must be staked in place.

- Plastic sheeting shall have a minimum thickness of 0.06 millimeters.
- If erosion at the toe of a slope is likely, a gravel berm, riprap, or other suitable protection shall be installed at the toe of the slope in order to reduce the velocity of runoff.
- Torn sheets must be replaced and open seams repaired.
- Completely remove and replace the plastic if it begins to deteriorate due to ultraviolet radiation.
- Completely remove plastic when no longer needed.
- Dispose of old tires used to weight down plastic sheeting appropriately.

***Maintenance Standards***

***Approved as Equivalent***

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## **BMP C140: Dust Control**

<b>Purpose</b>	Dust control prevents wind transport of dust from disturbed soil surfaces onto roadways, drainage ways, and surface waters.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In areas (including roadways) subject to surface and air movement of dust where on-site and off-site impacts to roadways, drainage ways, or surface waters are likely.</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vegetate or mulch areas that will not receive vehicle traffic. In areas where planting, mulching, or paving is impractical, apply gravel or landscaping rock.</li><li>• Limit dust generation by clearing only those areas where immediate activity will take place, leaving the remaining area(s) in the original condition. Maintain the original ground cover as long as practical.</li><li>• Construct natural or artificial windbreaks or windscreens. These may be designed as enclosures for small dust sources.</li><li>• Sprinkle the site with water until surface is wet. Repeat as needed. To prevent carryout of mud onto street, refer to Stabilized Construction Entrance (<a href="#">BMP C105</a>).</li><li>• Irrigation water can be used for dust control. Irrigation systems should be installed as a first step on sites where dust control is a concern.</li><li>• Spray exposed soil areas with a dust palliative, following the manufacturer's instructions and cautions regarding handling and application. Used oil is prohibited from use as a dust suppressant. Local governments may approve other dust palliatives such as calcium chloride or PAM.</li><li>• PAM (<a href="#">BMP C126</a>) added to water at a rate of 0.5 lbs. per 1,000 gallons of water per acre and applied from a water truck is more effective than water alone. This is due to increased infiltration of water into the soil and reduced evaporation. In addition, small soil particles are bonded together and are not as easily transported by wind. Adding PAM may actually reduce the quantity of water needed for dust control. Use of PAM could be a cost-effective dust control method.</li></ul>

Techniques that can be used for unpaved roads and lots include:

- Lower speed limits. High vehicle speed increases the amount of dust stirred up from unpaved roads and lots.
- Upgrade the road surface strength by improving particle size, shape, and mineral types that make up the surface and base materials.
- Add surface gravel to reduce the source of dust emission. Limit the amount of fine particles (those smaller than .075 mm) to 10 to 20 percent.

- Use geotextile fabrics to increase the strength of new roads or roads undergoing reconstruction.
- Encourage the use of alternate, paved routes, if available.
- Restrict use of paved roadways by tracked vehicles and heavy trucks to prevent damage to road surface and base.
- Apply chemical dust suppressants using the admix method, blending the product with the top few inches of surface material. Suppressants may also be applied as surface treatments.
- Pave unpaved permanent roads and other trafficked areas.
- Use vacuum street sweepers.
- Remove mud and other dirt promptly so it does not dry and then turn into dust.
- Limit dust-causing work on windy days.
- Contact your local Air Pollution Control Authority for guidance and training on other dust control measures. Compliance with the local Air Pollution Control Authority constitutes compliance with this BMP.

***Maintenance  
Standards***

Respray area as necessary to keep dust to a minimum.

## BMP C150: Materials on Hand

### *Purpose*

Keep quantities of erosion prevention and sediment control materials on the project site at all times to be used for regular maintenance and emergency situations such as unexpected heavy summer rains. Having these materials on-site reduces the time needed to implement BMPs when inspections indicate that existing BMPs are not meeting the Construction SWPPP requirements. In addition, contractors can save money by buying some materials in bulk and storing them at their office or yard.

### *Conditions of Use*

- Construction projects of any size or type can benefit from having materials on hand. A small commercial development project could have a roll of plastic and some gravel available for immediate protection of bare soil and temporary berm construction. A large earthwork project, such as highway construction, might have several tons of straw, several rolls of plastic, flexible pipe, sandbags, geotextile fabric and steel “T” posts.
- Materials are stockpiled and readily available before any site clearing, grubbing, or earthwork begins. A large contractor or developer could keep a stockpile of materials that are available for use on several projects.
- If storage space at the project site is at a premium, the contractor could maintain the materials at their office or yard. The office or yard must be less than an hour from the project site.

### *Design and Installation Specifications*

Depending on project type, size, complexity, and length, materials and quantities will vary. A good minimum list of items that will cover numerous situations includes:

<b>Material</b>
Clear Plastic, 6 mil
Drainpipe, 6 or 8 inch diameter
Sandbags, filled
Straw Bales for mulching,
Quarry Spalls
Washed Gravel
Geotextile Fabric
Catch Basin Inserts
Steel “T” Posts
Silt fence material
Straw Wattles

### *Maintenance Standards*

- All materials with the exception of the quarry spalls, steel “T” posts, and gravel should be kept covered and out of both sun and rain.
- Re-stock materials used as needed.

## BMP C151: Concrete Handling

<b>Purpose</b>	Concrete work can generate process water and slurry that contain fine particles and high pH, both of which can violate water quality standards in the receiving water. Concrete spillage or concrete discharge to surface waters of the State is prohibited. Use this BMP to minimize and eliminate concrete, concrete process water, and concrete slurry from entering waters of the state.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	Any time concrete is used, utilize these management practices. Concrete construction projects include, but are not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curbs</li><li>• Sidewalks</li><li>• Roads</li><li>• Bridges</li><li>• Foundations</li><li>• Floors</li><li>• Runways</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wash out concrete truck chutes, pumps, and internals into formed areas only. Assure that washout of concrete trucks is performed off-site or in designated concrete washout areas. Do not wash out concrete trucks onto the ground, or into storm drains, open ditches, streets, or streams. Refer to <a href="#">BMP C154</a> for information on concrete washout areas.</li></ul>
<b>Specifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Return unused concrete remaining in the truck and pump to the originating batch plant for recycling. Do not dump excess concrete on site, except in designated concrete washout areas.</li><li>• Wash off hand tools including, but not limited to, screeds, shovels, rakes, floats, and trowels into formed areas only.</li><li>• Wash equipment difficult to move, such as concrete pavers in areas that do not directly drain to natural or constructed stormwater conveyances.</li><li>• Do not allow washdown from areas, such as concrete aggregate driveways, to drain directly to natural or constructed stormwater conveyances.</li></ul>

***Maintenance  
Standards***

- Contain washwater and leftover product in a lined container when no formed areas are available,. Dispose of contained concrete in a manner that does not violate ground water or surface water quality standards.
- Always use forms or solid barriers for concrete pours, such as pilings, within 15-feet of surface waters.
- Refer to [BMPs C252](#) and [C253](#) for pH adjustment requirements.
- Refer to the Construction Stormwater General Permit for pH monitoring requirements if the project involves one of the following activities:
  - Significant concrete work (greater than 1,000 cubic yards poured concrete or recycled concrete used over the life of a project).
  - The use of engineered soils amended with (but not limited to) Portland cement-treated base, cement kiln dust or fly ash.
  - Discharging stormwater to segments of water bodies on the 303(d) list (Category 5) for high pH.

Check containers for holes in the liner daily during concrete pours and repair the same day.

## **BMP C152: Sawcutting and Surfacing Pollution Prevention**

<b>Purpose</b>	Sawcutting and surfacing operations generate slurry and process water that contains fine particles and high pH (concrete cutting), both of which can violate the water quality standards in the receiving water. Concrete spillage or concrete discharge to surface waters of the State is prohibited. Use this BMP to minimize and eliminate process water and slurry created through sawcutting or surfacing from entering waters of the State.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	Utilize these management practices anytime sawcutting or surfacing operations take place. Sawcutting and surfacing operations include, but are not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sawing</li><li>• Coring</li><li>• Grinding</li><li>• Roughening</li><li>• Hydro-demolition</li><li>• Bridge and road surfacing</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vacuum slurry and cuttings during cutting and surfacing operations.</li><li>• Slurry and cuttings shall not remain on permanent concrete or asphalt pavement overnight.</li><li>• Slurry and cuttings shall not drain to any natural or constructed drainage conveyance including stormwater systems. This may require temporarily blocking catch basins.</li><li>• Dispose of collected slurry and cuttings in a manner that does not violate ground water or surface water quality standards.</li><li>• Do not allow process water generated during hydro-demolition, surface roughening or similar operations to drain to any natural or constructed drainage conveyance including stormwater systems. Dispose process water in a manner that does not violate ground water or surface water quality standards.</li><li>• Handle and dispose cleaning waste material and demolition debris in a manner that does not cause contamination of water. Dispose of sweeping material from a pick-up sweeper at an appropriate disposal site.</li></ul>
<b>Maintenance Standards</b>	Continually monitor operations to determine whether slurry, cuttings, or process water could enter waters of the state. If inspections show that a violation of water quality standards could occur, stop operations and immediately implement preventive measures such as berms, barriers, secondary containment, and vacuum trucks.

## **BMP C153: Material Delivery, Storage and Containment**

<b>Purpose</b>	Prevent, reduce, or eliminate the discharge of pollutants to the stormwater system or watercourses from material delivery and storage. Minimize the storage of hazardous materials on-site, store materials in a designated area, and install secondary containment.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	<b>These procedures are suitable for use at all construction sites with delivery and storage of the following materials:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Petroleum products such as fuel, oil and grease</li><li>• Soil stabilizers and binders (e.g. Polyacrylamide)</li><li>• Fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides</li><li>• Detergents</li><li>• Asphalt and concrete compounds</li><li>• Hazardous chemicals such as acids, lime, adhesives, paints, solvents and curing compounds</li><li>• Any other material that may be detrimental if released to the environment</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<b>The following steps should be taken to minimize risk:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temporary storage area should be located away from vehicular traffic, near the construction entrance(s), and away from waterways or storm drains.</li><li>• Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) should be supplied for all materials stored. Chemicals should be kept in their original labeled containers.</li><li>• Hazardous material storage on-site should be minimized.</li><li>• Hazardous materials should be handled as infrequently as possible.</li><li>• During the wet weather season (Oct 1 – April 30), consider storing materials in a covered area.</li><li>• Materials should be stored in secondary containments, such as earthen dike, horse trough, or even a children’s wading pool for non-reactive materials such as detergents, oil, grease, and paints. Small amounts of material may be secondarily contained in “bus boy” trays or concrete mixing trays.</li><li>• Do not store chemicals, drums, or bagged materials directly on the ground. Place these items on a pallet and, when possible, and within secondary containment.</li><li>• If drums must be kept uncovered, store them at a slight angle to reduce ponding of rainwater on the lids to reduce corrosion. Domed plastic covers are inexpensive and snap to the top of drums, preventing water from collecting.</li></ul>

### **Material Storage Areas and Secondary Containment Practices:**

- Liquids, petroleum products, and substances listed in 40 CFR Parts 110, 117, or 302 shall be stored in approved containers and drums and shall not be overfilled. Containers and drums shall be stored in temporary secondary containment facilities.
- Temporary secondary containment facilities shall provide for a spill containment volume able to contain 10% of the total enclosed container volume of all containers, or 110% of the capacity of the largest container within its boundary, whichever is greater.
- Secondary containment facilities shall be impervious to the materials stored therein for a minimum contact time of 72 hours.
- Secondary containment facilities shall be maintained free of accumulated rainwater and spills. In the event of spills or leaks, accumulated rainwater and spills shall be collected and placed into drums. These liquids shall be handled as hazardous waste unless testing determines them to be non-hazardous.
- Sufficient separation should be provided between stored containers to allow for spill cleanup and emergency response access.
- During the wet weather season (Oct 1 – April 30), each secondary containment facility shall be covered during non-working days, prior to and during rain events.
- Keep material storage areas clean, organized and equipped with an ample supply of appropriate spill clean-up material (spill kit).
- The spill kit should include, at a minimum:
  - 1-Water Resistant Nylon Bag
  - 3-Oil Absorbent Socks 3"x 4'
  - 2-Oil Absorbent Socks 3"x 10'
  - 12-Oil Absorbent Pads 17"x19"
  - 1-Pair Splash Resistant Goggles
  - 3-Pair Nitrile Gloves
  - 10-Disposable Bags with Ties
  - Instructions

## **BMP C160: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead**

<b>Purpose</b>	The project proponent designates at least one person as the responsible representative in charge of erosion and sediment control (ESC), and water quality protection. The designated person shall be the Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL) who is responsible for ensuring compliance with all local, state, and federal erosion and sediment control and water quality requirements.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	A CESCL shall be made available on projects one acre or larger that discharge stormwater to surface waters of the state. Sites less than one acre may have a person without CESCL certification conduct inspections; sampling is not required on sites that disturb less than an acre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The CESCL shall:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have a current certificate proving attendance in an erosion and sediment control training course that meets the minimum ESC training and certification requirements established by Ecology (see details below).</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Ecology will maintain a list of ESC training and certification providers at: <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/cescl.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/cescl.html</a></p>
<b>Specifications</b>	<p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC); for additional information go to: <a href="http://www.cpesc.net">www.cpesc.net</a></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certification shall remain valid for three years.</li><li>• The CESCL shall have authority to act on behalf of the contractor or developer and shall be available, or on-call, 24 hours per day throughout the period of construction.</li><li>• The Construction SWPPP shall include the name, telephone number, fax number, and address of the designated CESCL.</li><li>• A CESCL may provide inspection and compliance services for multiple construction projects in the same geographic region.</li></ul> <p>Duties and responsibilities of the CESCL shall include, but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintaining permit file on site at all times which includes the Construction SWPPP and any associated permits and plans.</li><li>• Directing BMP installation, inspection, maintenance, modification, and removal.</li></ul>

- Updating all project drawings and the Construction SWPPP with changes made.
- Completing any sampling requirements including reporting results using WebDMR.
- Keeping daily logs, and inspection reports. Inspection reports should include:
  - Inspection date/time.
  - Weather information; general conditions during inspection and approximate amount of precipitation since the last inspection.
  - A summary or list of all BMPs implemented, including observations of all erosion/sediment control structures or practices.

The following shall be noted:

  1. Locations of BMPs inspected.
  2. Locations of BMPs that need maintenance.
  3. Locations of BMPs that failed to operate as designed or intended.
  4. Locations of where additional or different BMPs are required.
    - Visual monitoring results, including a description of discharged stormwater. The presence of suspended sediment, turbid water, discoloration, and oil sheen shall be noted, as applicable.
    - Any water quality monitoring performed during inspection.
    - General comments and notes, including a brief description of any BMP repairs, maintenance or installations made as a result of the inspection.- Facilitate, participate in, and take corrective actions resulting from inspections performed by outside agencies or the owner.

## BMP C162: Scheduling

<b>Purpose</b>	Sequencing a construction project reduces the amount and duration of soil exposed to erosion by wind, rain, runoff, and vehicle tracking.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	<p>The construction sequence schedule is an orderly listing of all major land-disturbing activities together with the necessary erosion and sedimentation control measures planned for the project. This type of schedule guides the contractor on work to be done before other work is started so that serious erosion and sedimentation problems can be avoided.</p> <p>Following a specified work schedule that coordinates the timing of land-disturbing activities and the installation of control measures is perhaps the most cost-effective way of controlling erosion during construction. The removal of surface ground cover leaves a site vulnerable to accelerated erosion. Construction procedures that limit land clearing provide timely installation of erosion and sedimentation controls, and restore protective cover quickly can significantly reduce the erosion potential of a site.</p>
<b>Design Considerations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimize construction during rainy periods.</li><li>• Schedule projects to disturb only small portions of the site at any one time. Complete grading as soon as possible. Immediately stabilize the disturbed portion before grading the next portion. Practice staged seeding in order to revegetate cut and fill slopes as the work progresses.</li></ul>

## BMP C207: Check Dams

<b>Purpose</b>	Construction of small dams across a swale or ditch reduces the velocity of concentrated flow and dissipates energy at the check dam.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	Where temporary channels or permanent channels are not yet vegetated, channel lining is infeasible, and/or velocity checks are required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Check dams may not be placed in streams unless approved by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Check dams may not be placed in wetlands without approval from a permitting agency.</li><li>Do not place check dams below the expected backwater from any salmonid bearing water between October 1 and May 31 to ensure that there is no loss of high flow refuge habitat for overwintering juvenile salmonids and emergent salmonid fry.</li><li>Construct rock check dams from appropriately sized rock. The rock used must be large enough to stay in place given the expected design flow through the channel. The rock must be placed by hand or by mechanical means (no dumping of rock to form dam) to achieve complete coverage of the ditch or swale and to ensure that the center of the dam is lower than the edges.</li><li>Check dams may also be constructed of either rock or pea-gravel filled bags. Numerous new products are also available for this purpose. They tend to be re-usable, quick and easy to install, effective, and cost efficient.</li><li>Place check dams perpendicular to the flow of water.</li><li>The dam should form a triangle when viewed from the side. This prevents undercutting as water flows over the face of the dam rather than falling directly onto the ditch bottom.</li><li>Before installing check dams impound and bypass upstream water flow away from the work area. Options for bypassing include pumps, siphons, or temporary channels.</li><li>Check dams in association with sumps work more effectively at slowing flow and retaining sediment than just a check dam alone. A deep sump should be provided immediately upstream of the check dam.</li><li>In some cases, if carefully located and designed, check dams can remain as permanent installations with very minor regrading. They may be left as either spillways, in which case accumulated sediment would be graded and seeded, or as check dams to prevent further sediment from leaving the site.</li><li>The maximum spacing between the dams shall be such that the toe of the upstream dam is at the same elevation as the top of the downstream dam.</li></ul>

- Keep the maximum height at 2 feet at the center of the dam.
- Keep the center of the check dam at least 12 inches lower than the outer edges at natural ground elevation.
- Keep the side slopes of the check dam at 2H:1V or flatter.
- Key the stone into the ditch banks and extend it beyond the abutments a minimum of 18 inches to avoid washouts from overflow around the dam.
- Use filter fabric foundation under a rock or sand bag check dam. If a blanket ditch liner is used, filter fabric is not necessary. A piece of organic or synthetic blanket cut to fit will also work for this purpose.
- In the case of grass-lined ditches and swales, all check dams and accumulated sediment shall be removed when the grass has matured sufficiently to protect the ditch or swale - unless the slope of the swale is greater than 4 percent. The area beneath the check dams shall be seeded and mulched immediately after dam removal.
- Ensure that channel appurtenances, such as culvert entrances below check dams, are not subject to damage or blockage from displaced stones. [Figure 4.2.7](#) depicts a typical rock check dam.

#### *Maintenance Standards*

Check dams shall be monitored for performance and sediment accumulation during and after each runoff producing rainfall. Sediment shall be removed when it reaches one half the sump depth.

- Anticipate submergence and deposition above the check dam and erosion from high flows around the edges of the dam.
- If significant erosion occurs between dams, install a protective riprap liner in that portion of the channel.

#### *Approved as Equivalent*

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## BMP C209: Outlet Protection

<b>Purpose</b>	Outlet protection prevents scour at conveyance outlets and minimizes the potential for downstream erosion by reducing the velocity of concentrated stormwater flows.
<b>Conditions of use</b>	Outlet protection is required at the outlets of all ponds, pipes, ditches, or other conveyances, and where runoff is conveyed to a natural or manmade drainage feature such as a stream, wetland, lake, or ditch.
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<p>The receiving channel at the outlet of a culvert shall be protected from erosion by rock lining a minimum of 6 feet downstream and extending up the channel sides a minimum of 1-foot above the maximum tailwater elevation or 1-foot above the crown, whichever is higher. For large pipes (more than 18 inches in diameter), the outlet protection lining of the channel is lengthened to four times the diameter of the culvert.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard wingwalls, and tapered outlets and paved channels should also be considered when appropriate for permanent culvert outlet protection. (See WSDOT Hydraulic Manual, available through WSDOT Engineering Publications).</li><li>• Organic or synthetic erosion blankets, with or without vegetation, are usually more effective than rock, cheaper, and easier to install. Materials can be chosen using manufacturer product specifications. ASTM test results are available for most products and the designer can choose the correct material for the expected flow.</li><li>• With low flows, vegetation (including sod) can be effective.</li><li>• The following guidelines shall be used for riprap outlet protection:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. If the discharge velocity at the outlet is less than 5 fps (pipe slope less than 1 percent), use 2-inch to 8-inch riprap. Minimum thickness is 1-foot.</li><li>2. For 5 to 10 fps discharge velocity at the outlet (pipe slope less than 3 percent), use 24-inch to 48-inch riprap. Minimum thickness is 2 feet.</li><li>3. For outlets at the base of steep slope pipes (pipe slope greater than 10 percent), an engineered energy dissipater shall be used.</li></ol></li><li>• Filter fabric or erosion control blankets should always be used under riprap to prevent scour and channel erosion.</li></ul>

- New pipe outfalls can provide an opportunity for low-cost fish habitat improvements. For example, an alcove of low-velocity water can be created by constructing the pipe outfall and associated energy dissipater back from the stream edge and digging a channel, overwidened to the upstream side, from the outfall. Overwintering juvenile and migrating adult salmonids may use the alcove as shelter during high flows. Bank stabilization, bioengineering, and habitat features may be required for disturbed areas. This work may require a HPA. See Volume V for more information on outfall system design.

***Maintenance Standards***

- Inspect and repair as needed.
- Add rock as needed to maintain the intended function.
- Clean energy dissipater if sediment builds up.

## BMP C220: Storm Drain Inlet Protection

<b>Purpose</b>	Storm drain inlet protection prevents coarse sediment from entering drainage systems prior to permanent stabilization of the disturbed area.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	<p>Use storm drain inlet protection at inlets that are operational before permanent stabilization of the disturbed drainage area. Provide protection for all storm drain inlets downslope and within 500 feet of a disturbed or construction area, unless conveying runoff entering catch basins to a sediment pond or trap.</p> <p>Also consider inlet protection for lawn and yard drains on new home construction. These small and numerous drains coupled with lack of gutters in new home construction can add significant amounts of sediment into the roof drain system. If possible delay installing lawn and yard drains until just before landscaping or cap these drains to prevent sediment from entering the system until completion of landscaping. Provide 18-inches of sod around each finished lawn and yard drain.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Table 4.2.2</a> lists several options for inlet protection. All of the methods for storm drain inlet protection tend to plug and require a high frequency of maintenance. Limit drainage areas to one acre or less. Possibly provide emergency overflows with additional end-of-pipe treatment where stormwater ponding would cause a hazard.</p>

**Table 4.2.2**  
**Storm Drain Inlet Protection**

Type of Inlet Protection	Emergency Overflow	Applicable for Paved/ Earthen Surfaces	Conditions of Use
<b>Drop Inlet Protection</b>			
Excavated drop inlet protection	Yes, temporary flooding will occur	Earthen	Applicable for heavy flows. Easy to maintain. Large area requirement: 30' X 30'/acre
Block and gravel drop inlet protection	Yes	Paved or Earthen	Applicable for heavy concentrated flows. Will not pond.
Gravel and wire drop inlet protection	No		Applicable for heavy concentrated flows. Will pond. Can withstand traffic.
Catch basin filters	Yes	Paved or Earthen	Frequent maintenance required.
<b>Curb Inlet Protection</b>			
Curb inlet protection with a wooden weir	Small capacity overflow	Paved	Used for sturdy, more compact installation.
Block and gravel curb inlet protection	Yes	Paved	Sturdy, but limited filtration.
<b>Culvert Inlet Protection</b>			
Culvert inlet sediment trap			18 month expected life.

## ***Design and Installation Specifications***

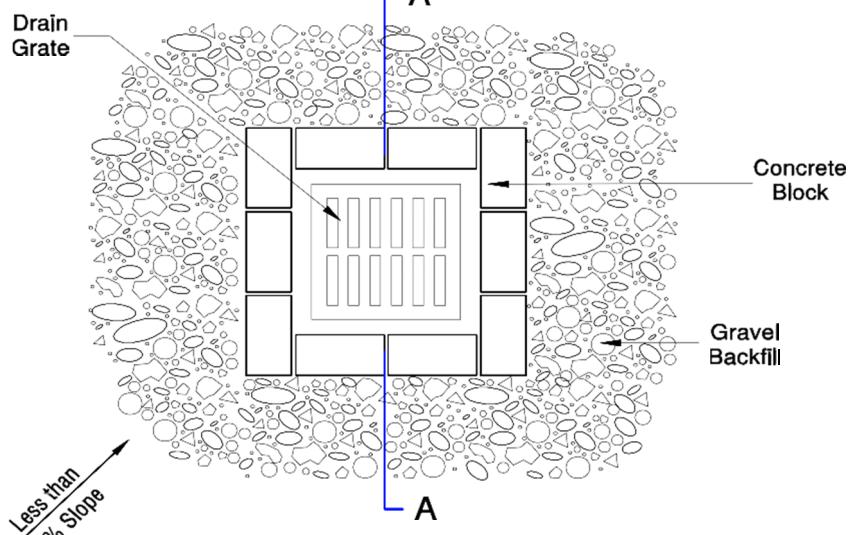
*Excavated Drop Inlet Protection* - An excavated impoundment around the storm drain. Sediment settles out of the stormwater prior to entering the storm drain.

- Provide a depth of 1-2 ft as measured from the crest of the inlet structure.
- Slope sides of excavation no steeper than 2H:1V.
- Minimum volume of excavation 35 cubic yards.
- Shape basin to fit site with longest dimension oriented toward the longest inflow area.
- Install provisions for draining to prevent standing water problems.
- Clear the area of all debris.
- Grade the approach to the inlet uniformly.
- Drill weep holes into the side of the inlet.
- Protect weep holes with screen wire and washed aggregate.
- Seal weep holes when removing structure and stabilizing area.
- Build a temporary dike, if necessary, to the down slope side of the structure to prevent bypass flow.

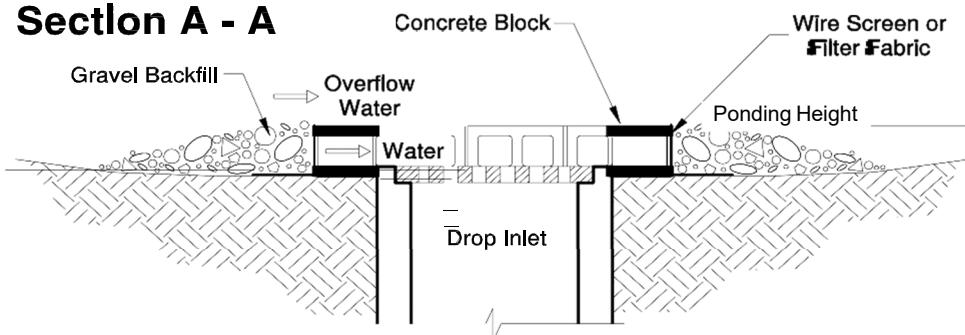
*Block and Gravel Filter* - A barrier formed around the storm drain inlet with standard concrete blocks and gravel. See [Figure 4.2.8.](#)

- Provide a height of 1 to 2 feet above inlet.
- Recess the first row 2-inches into the ground for stability.
- Support subsequent courses by placing a 2x4 through the block opening.
- Do not use mortar.
- Lay some blocks in the bottom row on their side for dewatering the pool.
- Place hardware cloth or comparable wire mesh with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch openings over all block openings.
- Place gravel just below the top of blocks on slopes of 2H:1V or flatter.
- An alternative design is a gravel donut.
- Provide an inlet slope of 3H:1V.
- Provide an outlet slope of 2H:1V.
- Provide a 1-foot wide level stone area between the structure and the inlet.
- Use inlet slope stones 3 inches in diameter or larger.
- Use gravel  $\frac{1}{2}$ - to  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch at a minimum thickness of 1-foot for the outlet slope.

## Plan View



## Section A - A



### Notes:

1. Drop inlet sediment barriers are to be used for small, nearly level drainage areas. (less than 5%)
2. Excavate a basin of sufficient size adjacent to the drop inlet.
3. The top of the structure (ponding height) must be well below the ground elevation downslope to prevent runoff from bypassing the inlet. A temporary dike may be necessary on the downslope side of the structure.

**Figure 4.2.8 – Block and Gravel Filter**

*Gravel and Wire Mesh Filter* - A gravel barrier placed over the top of the inlet. This structure does not provide an overflow.

- Use a hardware cloth or comparable wire mesh with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch openings.
- Use coarse aggregate.
- Provide a height 1-foot or more, 18-inches wider than inlet on all sides.
- Place wire mesh over the drop inlet so that the wire extends a minimum of 1-foot beyond each side of the inlet structure.
- Overlap the strips if more than one strip of mesh is necessary.

- Place coarse aggregate over the wire mesh.
- Provide at least a 12-inch depth of gravel over the entire inlet opening and extend at least 18-inches on all sides.

*Catchbasin Filters* – Use inserts designed by manufacturers for construction sites. The limited sediment storage capacity increases the amount of inspection and maintenance required, which may be daily for heavy sediment loads. To reduce maintenance requirements combine a catchbasin filter with another type of inlet protection. This type of inlet protection provides flow bypass without overflow and therefore may be a better method for inlets located along active rights-of-way.

- Provides 5 cubic feet of storage.
- Requires dewatering provisions.
- Provides a high-flow bypass that will not clog under normal use at a construction site.
- Insert the catchbasin filter in the catchbasin just below the grating.

*Curb Inlet Protection with Wooden Weir* – Barrier formed around a curb inlet with a wooden frame and gravel.

- Use wire mesh with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch openings.
- Use extra strength filter cloth.
- Construct a frame.
- Attach the wire and filter fabric to the frame.
- Pile coarse washed aggregate against wire/fabric.
- Place weight on frame anchors.

*Block and Gravel Curb Inlet Protection* – Barrier formed around a curb inlet with concrete blocks and gravel. See [Figure 4.2.9](#).

- Use wire mesh with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch openings.
- Place two concrete blocks on their sides abutting the curb at either side of the inlet opening. These are spacer blocks.
- Place a 2x4 stud through the outer holes of each spacer block to align the front blocks.
- Place blocks on their sides across the front of the inlet and abutting the spacer blocks.
- Place wire mesh over the outside vertical face.
- Pile coarse aggregate against the wire to the top of the barrier.

*Curb and Gutter Sediment Barrier* – Sandbag or rock berm (riprap and aggregate) 3 feet high and 3 feet wide in a horseshoe shape. See [Figure 4.2.10](#).

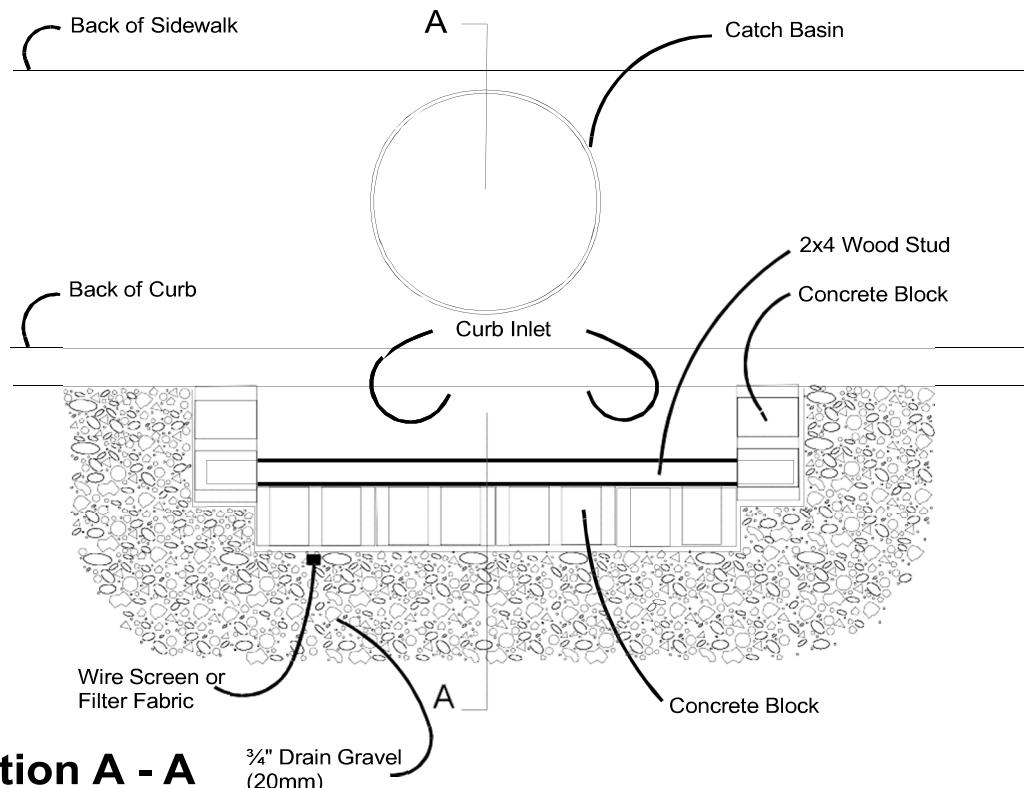
***Maintenance Standards***

- Construct a horseshoe shaped berm, faced with coarse aggregate if using riprap, 3 feet high and 3 feet wide, at least 2 feet from the inlet.
- Construct a horseshoe shaped sedimentation trap on the outside of the berm sized to sediment trap standards for protecting a culvert inlet.
- Inspect catch basin filters frequently, especially after storm events. Clean and replace clogged inserts. For systems with clogged stone filters: pull away the stones from the inlet and clean or replace. An alternative approach would be to use the clogged stone as fill and put fresh stone around the inlet.
- Do not wash sediment into storm drains while cleaning. Spread all excavated material evenly over the surrounding land area or stockpile and stabilize as appropriate.

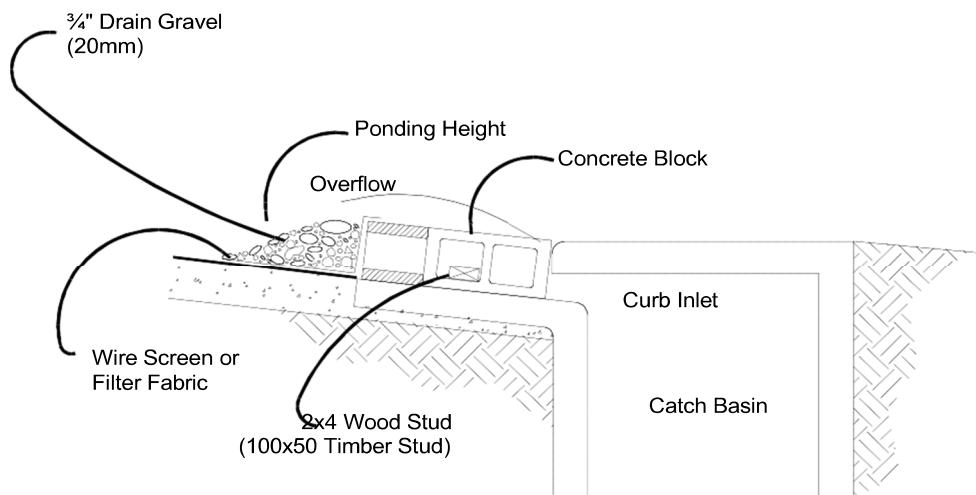
***Approved as Equivalent***

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## Plan View



## Section A - A

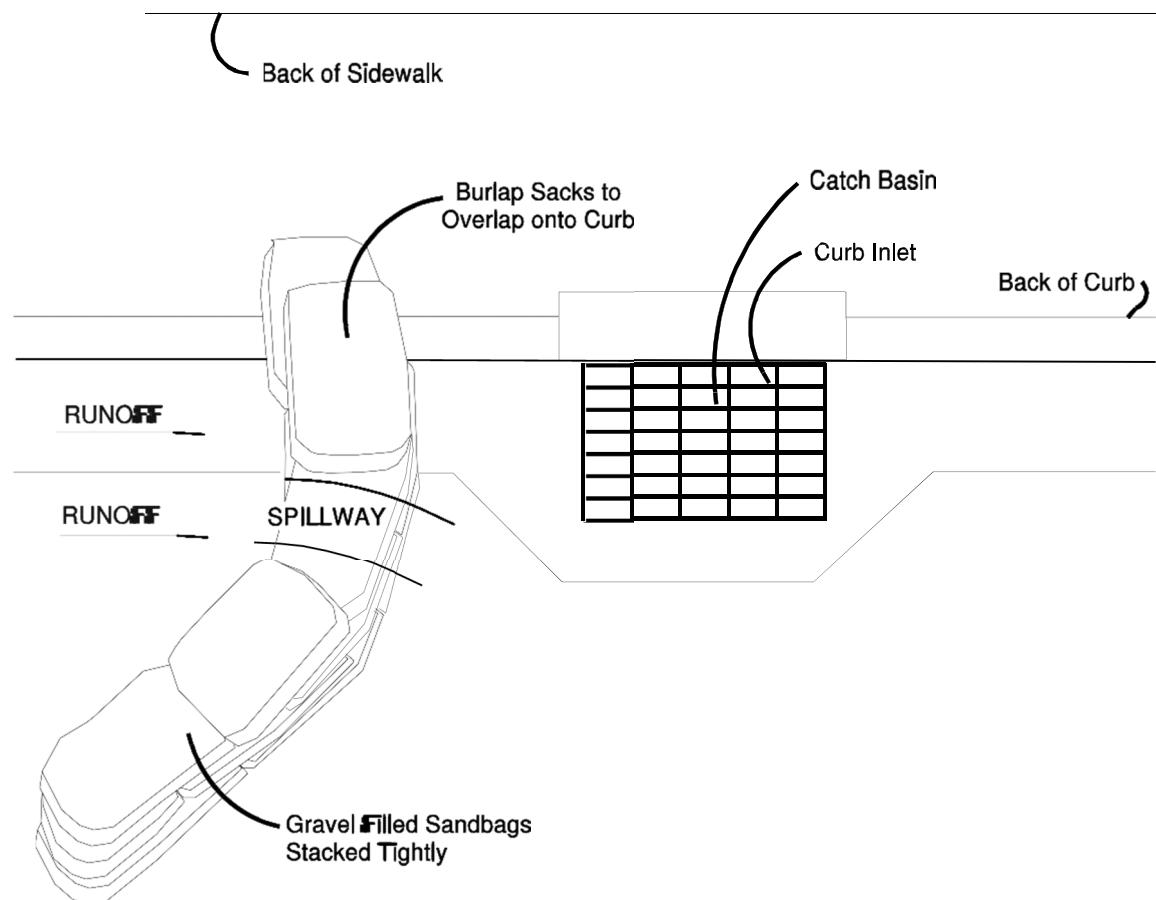


### NOTES:

1. Use block and gravel type sediment barrier when curb inlet is located in gently sloping street segment, where water can pond and allow sediment to separate from runoff.
2. Barrier shall allow for overflow from severe storm event.
3. Inspect barriers and remove sediment after each storm event. Sediment and gravel must be removed from the traveled way immediately.

**Figure 4.2.9 – Block and Gravel Curb Inlet Protection**

## Plan View



### NOTES:

1. Place curb type sediment barriers on gently sloping street segments, where water can pond and allow sediment to separate from runoff.
2. Sandbags of either burlap or woven 'geotextile' fabric, are filled with gravel, layered and packed tightly.
3. Leave a one sandbag gap in the top row to provide a spillway for overflow.
4. Inspect barriers and remove sediment after each storm event. Sediment and gravel must be removed from the traveled way immediately.

**Figure 4.2.10 – Curb and Gutter Barrier**

## BMP C233: Silt Fence

### Purpose

Use of a silt fence reduces the transport of coarse sediment from a construction site by providing a temporary physical barrier to sediment and reducing the runoff velocities of overland flow. See [Figure 4.2.12](#) for details on silt fence construction.

### Conditions of Use

Silt fence may be used downslope of all disturbed areas.

- Silt fence shall prevent soil carried by runoff water from going beneath, through, or over the top of the silt fence, but shall allow the water to pass through the fence.
- Silt fence is not intended to treat concentrated flows, nor is it intended to treat substantial amounts of overland flow. Convey any concentrated flows through the drainage system to a sediment pond.
- Do not construct silt fences in streams or use in V-shaped ditches. Silt fences do not provide an adequate method of silt control for anything deeper than sheet or overland flow.

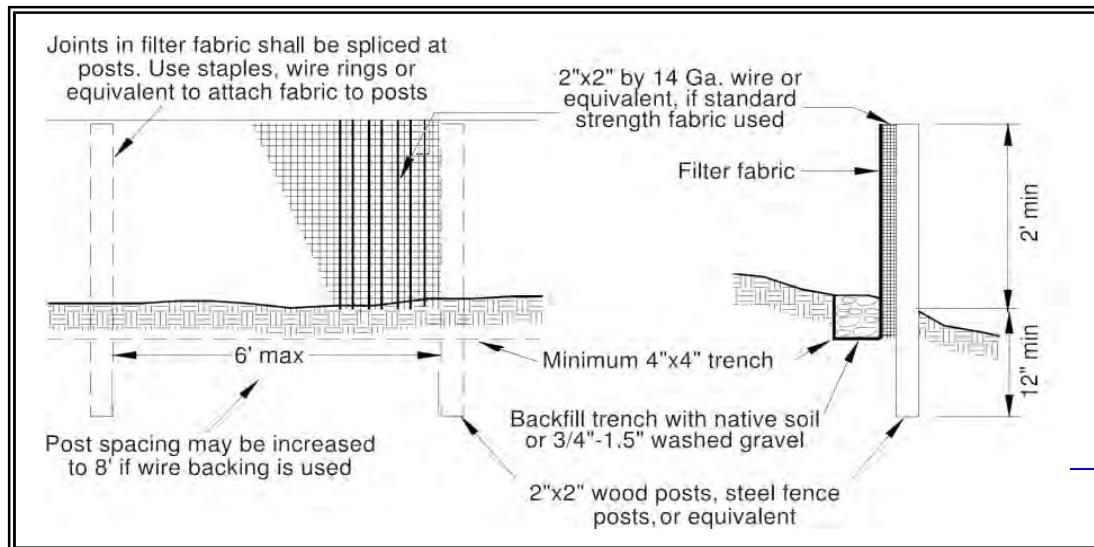


Figure 4.2.12 – Silt Fence

***Design and  
Installation  
Specifications***

- Use in combination with sediment basins or other BMPs.
- Maximum slope steepness (normal (perpendicular) to fence line) 1H:1V.
- Maximum sheet or overland flow path length to the fence of 100 feet.
- Do not allow flows greater than 0.5 cfs.
- The geotextile used shall meet the following standards. All geotextile properties listed below are minimum average roll values (i.e., the test result for any sampled roll in a lot shall meet or exceed the values shown in [Table 4.2.3](#)):

<b>Table 4.2.3 Geotextile Standards</b>	
Polymeric Mesh AOS (ASTM D4751)	0.60 mm maximum for slit film woven (#30 sieve). 0.30 mm maximum for all other geotextile types (#50 sieve). 0.15 mm minimum for all fabric types (#100 sieve).
Water Permittivity (ASTM D4491)	0.02 sec <sup>-1</sup> minimum
Grab Tensile Strength (ASTM D4632)	180 lbs. Minimum for extra strength fabric. 100 lbs minimum for standard strength fabric.
Grab Tensile Strength (ASTM D4632)	30% maximum
Ultraviolet Resistance (ASTM D4355)	70% minimum

- Support standard strength fabrics with wire mesh, chicken wire, 2-inch x 2-inch wire, safety fence, or jute mesh to increase the strength of the fabric. Silt fence materials are available that have synthetic mesh backing attached.
- Filter fabric material shall contain ultraviolet ray inhibitors and stabilizers to provide a minimum of six months of expected usable construction life at a temperature range of 0°F. to 120°F.
- One-hundred percent biodegradable silt fence is available that is strong, long lasting, and can be left in place after the project is completed, if permitted by local regulations.

- Refer to [Figure 4.2.12](#) for standard silt fence details. Include the following standard Notes for silt fence on construction plans and specifications:
  1. The contractor shall install and maintain temporary silt fences at the locations shown in the Plans.
  2. Construct silt fences in areas of clearing, grading, or drainage prior to starting those activities.
  3. The silt fence shall have a 2-feet min. and a 2½-feet max. height above the original ground surface.
  4. The filter fabric shall be sewn together at the point of manufacture to form filter fabric lengths as required. Locate all sewn seams at support posts. Alternatively, two sections of silt fence can be overlapped, provided the Contractor can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Engineer, that the overlap is long enough and that the adjacent fence sections are close enough together to prevent silt laden water from escaping through the fence at the overlap.
  5. Attach the filter fabric on the up-slope side of the posts and secure with staples, wire, or in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Attach the filter fabric to the posts in a manner that reduces the potential for tearing.
  6. Support the filter fabric with wire or plastic mesh, dependent on the properties of the geotextile selected for use. If wire or plastic mesh is used, fasten the mesh securely to the up-slope side of the posts with the filter fabric up-slope of the mesh.
  7. Mesh support, if used, shall consist of steel wire with a maximum mesh spacing of 2-inches, or a prefabricated polymeric mesh. The strength of the wire or polymeric mesh shall be equivalent to or greater than 180 lbs. grab tensile strength. The polymeric mesh must be as resistant to the same level of ultraviolet radiation as the filter fabric it supports.
  8. Bury the bottom of the filter fabric 4-inches min. below the ground surface. Backfill and tamp soil in place over the buried portion of the filter fabric, so that no flow can pass beneath the fence and scouring cannot occur. When wire or polymeric back-up support mesh is used, the wire or polymeric mesh shall extend into the ground 3-inches min.

9. Drive or place the fence posts into the ground 18-inches min. A 12-inch min. depth is allowed if topsoil or other soft subgrade soil is not present and 18-inches cannot be reached. Increase fence post min. depths by 6 inches if the fence is located on slopes of 3H:1V or steeper and the slope is perpendicular to the fence. If required post depths cannot be obtained, the posts shall be adequately secured by bracing or guying to prevent overturning of the fence due to sediment loading.
10. Use wood, steel or equivalent posts. The spacing of the support posts shall be a maximum of 6-feet. Posts shall consist of either:
  - Wood with dimensions of 2-inches by 2-inches wide min. and a 3-feet min. length. Wood posts shall be free of defects such as knots, splits, or gouges.
  - No. 6 steel rebar or larger.
  - ASTM A 120 steel pipe with a minimum diameter of 1-inch.
  - U, T, L, or C shape steel posts with a minimum weight of 1.35 lbs./ft.
  - Other steel posts having equivalent strength and bending resistance to the post sizes listed above.
11. Locate silt fences on contour as much as possible, except at the ends of the fence, where the fence shall be turned uphill such that the silt fence captures the runoff water and prevents water from flowing around the end of the fence.
12. If the fence must cross contours, with the exception of the ends of the fence, place gravel check dams perpendicular to the back of the fence to minimize concentrated flow and erosion. The slope of the fence line where contours must be crossed shall not be steeper than 3H:1V.
  - Gravel check dams shall be approximately 1-foot deep at the back of the fence. Gravel check dams shall be continued perpendicular to the fence at the same elevation until the top of the check dam intercepts the ground surface behind the fence.
  - Gravel check dams shall consist of crushed surfacing base course, gravel backfill for walls, or shoulder ballast. Gravel check dams shall be located every 10 feet along the fence where the fence must cross contours.
  - Refer to [Figure 4.2.13](#) for slicing method details. Silt fence installation using the slicing method specifications:

1. The base of both end posts must be at least 2- to 4-inches above the top of the filter fabric on the middle posts for ditch checks to drain properly. Use a hand level or string level, if necessary, to mark base points before installation.
2. Install posts 3- to 4-feet apart in critical retention areas and 6- to 7-feet apart in standard applications.
3. Install posts 24-inches deep on the downstream side of the silt fence, and as close as possible to the filter fabric, enabling posts to support the filter fabric from upstream water pressure.
4. Install posts with the nipples facing away from the filter fabric.
5. Attach the filter fabric to each post with three ties, all spaced within the top 8-inches of the filter fabric. Attach each tie diagonally 45 degrees through the filter fabric, with each puncture at least 1-inch vertically apart. Each tie should be positioned to hang on a post nipple when tightening to prevent sagging.
6. Wrap approximately 6-inches of fabric around the end posts and secure with 3 ties.
7. No more than 24-inches of a 36-inch filter fabric is allowed above ground level.

Compact the soil immediately next to the filter fabric with the front wheel of the tractor, skid steer, or roller exerting at least 60 pounds per square inch. Compact the upstream side first and then each side twice for a total of four trips. Check and correct the silt fence installation for any deviation before compaction. Use a flat-bladed shovel to tuck fabric deeper into the ground if necessary.

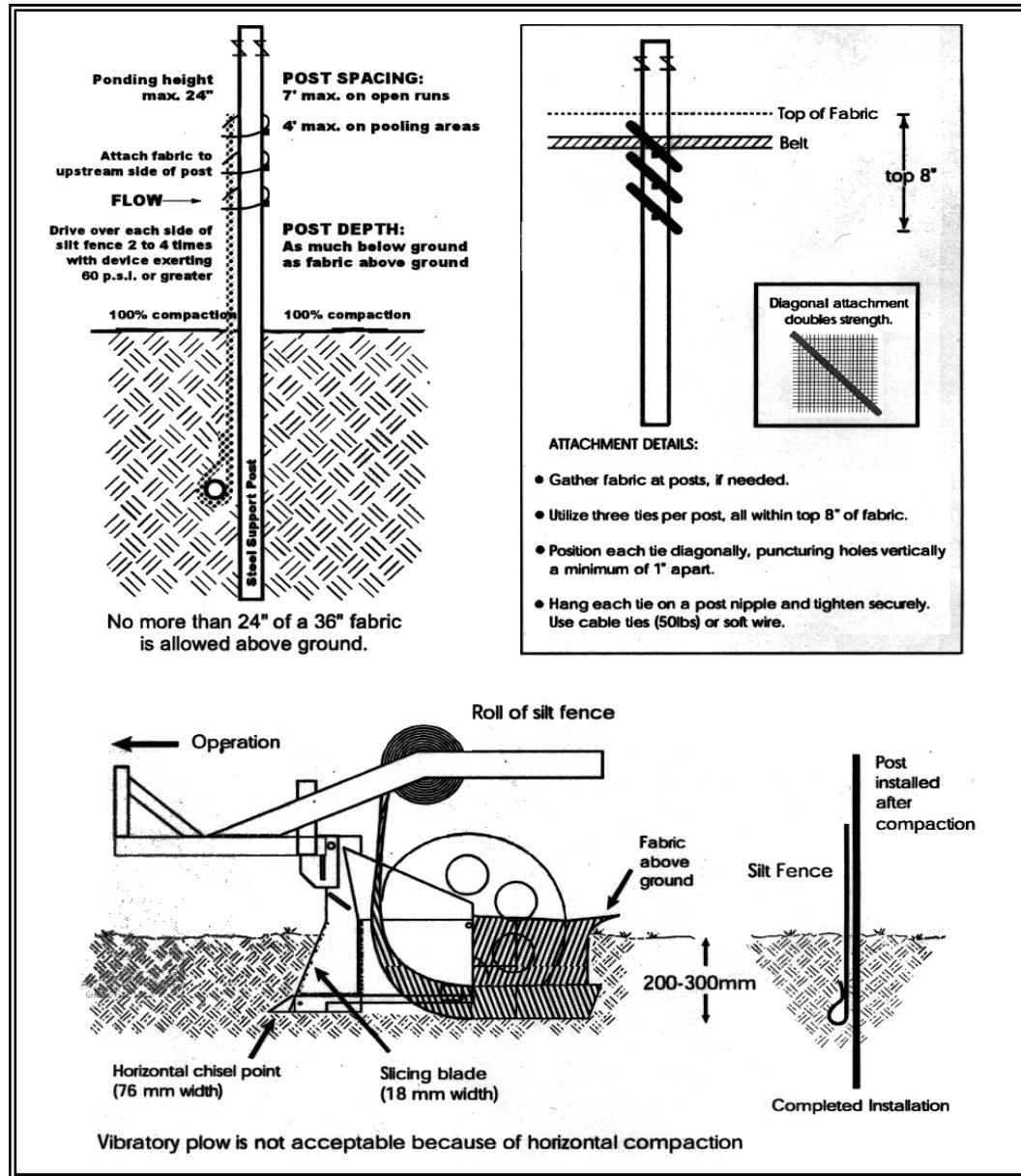


Figure 4.2.13 – Silt Fence Installation by Slicing Method

**Maintenance Standards**

- Repair any damage immediately.
- Intercept and convey all evident concentrated flows uphill of the silt fence to a sediment pond.
- Check the uphill side of the fence for signs of the fence clogging and acting as a barrier to flow and then causing channelization of flows parallel to the fence. If this occurs, replace the fence or remove the trapped sediment.
- Remove sediment deposits when the deposit reaches approximately one-third the height of the silt fence, or install a second silt fence.
- Replace filter fabric that has deteriorated due to ultraviolet breakdown.

## BMP C235: Wattles

### *Purpose*

Wattles are temporary erosion and sediment control barriers consisting of straw, compost, or other material that is wrapped in biodegradable tubular plastic or similar encasing material. They reduce the velocity and can spread the flow of rill and sheet runoff, and can capture and retain sediment. Wattles are typically 8 to 10 inches in diameter and 25 to 30 feet in length. Wattles are placed in shallow trenches and staked along the contour of disturbed or newly constructed slopes. See [Figure 4.2.14](#) for typical construction details. WSDOT Standard Plan I-30.30-00 also provides information on Wattles

(<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Design/Standards/Plans.htm#SectionI>)

### *Conditions of Use*

- Use wattles:
  - In disturbed areas that require immediate erosion protection.
  - On exposed soils during the period of short construction delays, or over winter months.
  - On slopes requiring stabilization until permanent vegetation can be established.
- The material used dictates the effectiveness period of the wattle. Generally, Wattles are typically effective for one to two seasons.
- Prevent rilling beneath wattles by properly entrenching and abutting wattles together to prevent water from passing between them.

### *Design Criteria*

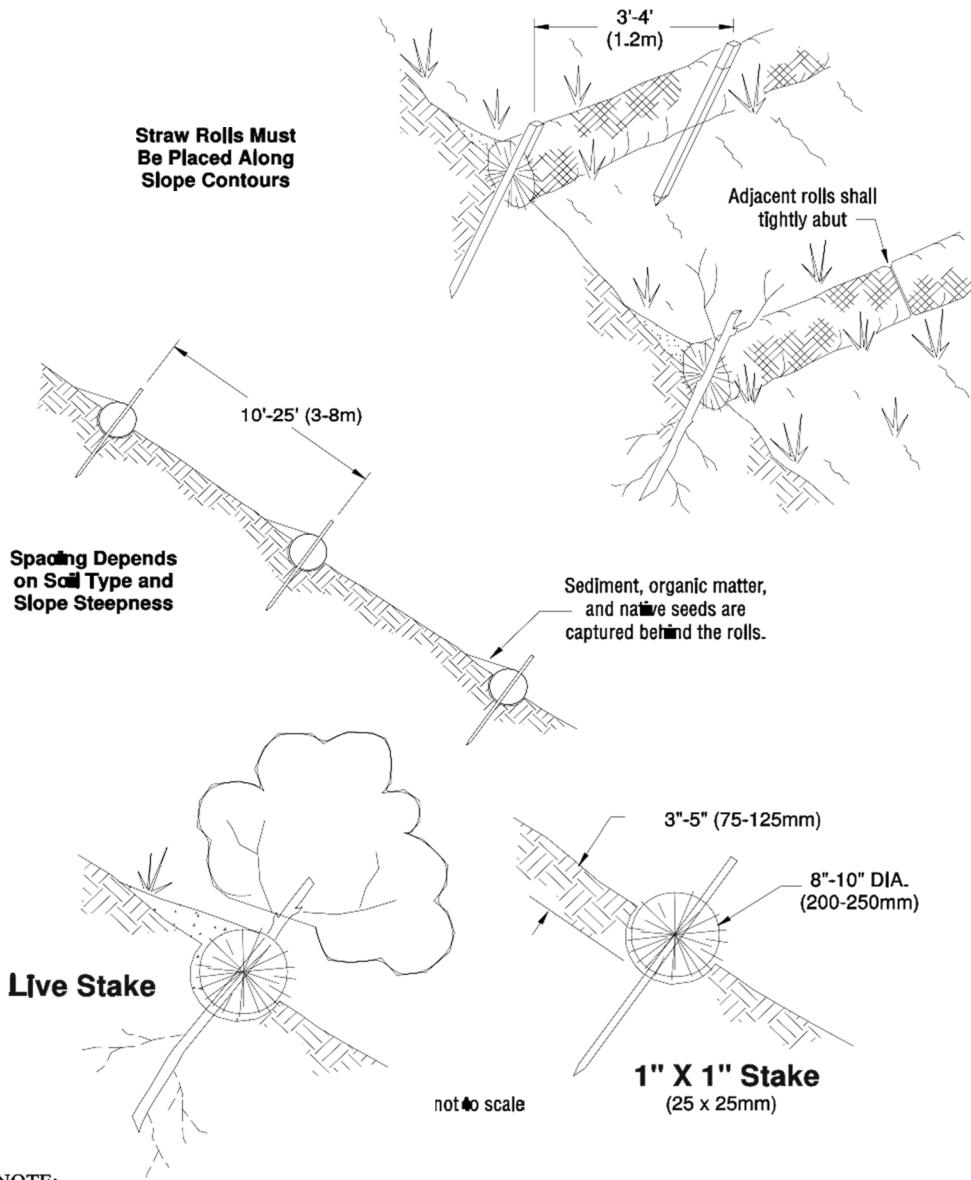
- Install wattles perpendicular to the flow direction and parallel to the slope contour.
- Narrow trenches should be dug across the slope on contour to a depth of 3- to 5-inches on clay soils and soils with gradual slopes. On loose soils, steep slopes, and areas with high rainfall, the trenches should be dug to a depth of 5- to 7- inches, or 1/2 to 2/3 of the thickness of the wattle.
- Start building trenches and installing wattles from the base of the slope and work up. Spread excavated material evenly along the uphill slope and compacted using hand tamping or other methods.
- Construct trenches at intervals of 10- to 25-feet depending on the steepness of the slope, soil type, and rainfall. The steeper the slope the closer together the trenches.
- Install the wattles snugly into the trenches and abut tightly end to end. Do not overlap the ends.
- Install stakes at each end of the wattle, and at 4-foot centers along entire length of wattle.

- If required, install pilot holes for the stakes using a straight bar to drive holes through the wattle and into the soil.
- Wooden stakes should be approximately 3/4 x 3/4 x 24 inches min. Willow cuttings or 3/8-inch rebar can also be used for stakes.
- Stakes should be driven through the middle of the wattle, leaving 2 to 3 inches of the stake protruding above the wattle.
- Wattles may require maintenance to ensure they are in contact with soil and thoroughly entrenched, especially after significant rainfall on steep sandy soils.
- Inspect the slope after significant storms and repair any areas where wattles are not tightly abutted or water has scoured beneath the wattles.

***Maintenance Standards***

***Approved as Equivalent***

Ecology has approved products as able to meet the requirements of [BMP C235](#). The products did not pass through the Technology Assessment Protocol – Ecology (TAPE) process. Local jurisdictions may choose not to accept this product approved as equivalent, or may require additional testing prior to consideration for local use. The products are available for review on Ecology's website at <http://www.eey.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/newtech/equivalent.html>



**Figure 4.2.14 – Wattles**

## BMP C236: Vegetative Filtration

<b>Purpose</b>	Vegetative Filtration may be used in conjunction with <a href="#">BMP C241</a> Temporary Sediment Ponds, <a href="#">BMP C206</a> Level Spreader and a pumping system with surface intake to improve turbidity levels of stormwater discharges by filtering through existing vegetation where undisturbed forest floor duff layer or established lawn with thatch layer are present. Vegetative Filtration can also be used to infiltrate dewatering waste from foundations, vaults, and trenches as long as runoff does not occur.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For every five acre of disturbed soil use one acre of grass field, farm pasture, or wooded area. Reduce or increase this area depending on project size, ground water table height, and other site conditions.</li><li>Wetlands shall not be used for filtration.</li><li>Do not use this BMP in areas with a high ground water table, or in areas that will have a high seasonal ground water table during the use of this BMP.</li><li>This BMP may be less effective on soils that prevent the infiltration of the water, such as hard till.</li><li>Using other effective source control measures throughout a construction site will prevent the generation of additional highly turbid water and may reduce the time period or area need for this BMP.</li><li>Stop distributing water into the vegetated area if standing water or erosion results.</li></ul>
<b>Design Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Find land adjacent to the project that has a vegetated field, preferably a farm field, or wooded area.</li><li>If the project site does not contain enough vegetated field area consider obtaining permission from adjacent landowners (especially for farm fields).</li><li>Install a pump and downstream distribution manifold depending on the project size. Generally, the main distribution line should reach 100 to 200-feet long (many large projects, or projects on tight soil, will require systems that reach several thousand feet long with numerous branch lines off of the main distribution line).</li><li>The manifold should have several valves, allowing for control over the distribution area in the field.</li><li>Install several branches of 4" schedule 20, swaged-fit common septic tight-lined sewer line, or 6" fire hose, which can convey the turbid water out to various sections of the field. See <a href="#">Figure 4.2.15</a>.</li><li>Determine the branch length based on the field area geography and number of branches. Typically, branches stretch from 200-feet to several thousand feet. Always, lay branches on contour with the slope.</li><li>On uneven ground, sprinklers perform well. Space sprinkler heads so that spray patterns do not overlap.</li></ul>

- On relatively even surfaces, a level spreader using 4-inch perforated pipe may be used as an alternative option to the sprinkler head setup. Install drain pipe at the highest point on the field and at various lower elevations to ensure full coverage of the filtration area. Pipe should be placed with the holes up to allow for a gentle weeping of stormwater evenly out all holes. Leveling the pipe by staking and using sandbags may be required.
- To prevent the over saturation of the field area, rotate the use of branches or spray heads. Do this as needed based on monitoring the spray field.
- Monitor the spray field on a daily basis to ensure that over saturation of any portion of the field doesn't occur at any time. The presence of standing puddles of water or creation of concentrated flows visually signify that over saturation of the field has occurred.
- Since the operator is handling contaminated water, physically monitor the vegetated spray field all the way down to the nearest surface water, or furthest spray area, to ensure that the water has not caused overland or concentrated flows, and has not created erosion around the spray nozzle.
- Monitoring usually needs to take place 3-5 times per day to ensure sheet-flow into state waters. Do not exceed water quality standards for turbidity.
- Ecology strongly recommends that a separate inspection log be developed, maintained and kept with the existing site logbook to aid the operator conducting inspections. This separate "Field Filtration Logbook" can also aid the facility in demonstrating compliance with permit conditions.

#### ***Maintenance Standards***

- Inspect the spray nozzles daily, at a minimum, for leaks and plugging from sediment particles.
- If erosion, concentrated flows, or over saturation of the field occurs, rotate the use of branches or spray heads or move the branches to a new field location.
- Check all branches and the manifold for unintended leaks.

Flowpath Guidelines for Vegetative Filtration		
Average Slope	Average Area % Slope	Estimated Flowpath Length (ft)
1.5H:1V	67%	250
2H:1V	50%	200
4H:1V	25%	150
6H:1V	16.7%	115
10H:1V	10%	100



**Figure 4.2.15 – Manifold and Braches in a wooded, vegetated spray field**

## **Appendix C – Alternative BMPs**

## BMP C102: Buffer Zones

### *Purpose*

Creation of an undisturbed area or strip of natural vegetation or an established suitable planting that will provide a living filter to reduce soil erosion and runoff velocities.

### *Conditions of Use*

Natural buffer zones are used along streams, wetlands and other bodies of water that need protection from erosion and sedimentation. Vegetative buffer zones can be used to protect natural swales and can be incorporated into the natural landscaping of an area.

Critical-areas buffer zones should not be used as sediment treatment areas. These areas shall remain completely undisturbed. The local permitting authority may expand the buffer widths temporarily to allow the use of the expanded area for removal of sediment.

### *Design and Installation Specifications*

- Preserving natural vegetation or plantings in clumps, blocks, or strips is generally the easiest and most successful method.
- Leave all unstable steep slopes in natural vegetation.
- Mark clearing limits and keep all equipment and construction debris out of the natural areas and buffer zones. Steel construction fencing is the most effective method in protecting sensitive areas and buffers. Alternatively, wire-backed silt fence on steel posts is marginally effective. Flagging alone is typically not effective.
- Keep all excavations outside the dripline of trees and shrubs.
- Do not push debris or extra soil into the buffer zone area because it will cause damage from burying and smothering.
- Vegetative buffer zones for streams, lakes or other waterways shall be established by the local permitting authority or other state or federal permits or approvals.

### *Maintenance Standards*

Inspect the area frequently to make sure flagging remains in place and the area remains undisturbed. Replace all damaged flagging immediately.

## BMP C106: Wheel Wash

### ***Purpose***

Wheel washes reduce the amount of sediment transported onto paved roads by motor vehicles.

### ***Conditions of Use***

When a stabilized construction entrance (see [BMP C105](#)) is not preventing sediment from being tracked onto pavement.

- Wheel washing is generally an effective BMP when installed with careful attention to topography. For example, a wheel wash can be detrimental if installed at the top of a slope abutting a right-of-way where the water from the dripping truck can run unimpeded into the street.
- Pressure washing combined with an adequately sized and surfaced pad with direct drainage to a large 10-foot x 10-foot sump can be very effective.
- Discharge wheel wash or tire bath wastewater to a separate on-site treatment system that prevents discharge to surface water, such as closed-loop recirculation or upland land application, or to the sanitary sewer with local sewer district approval.
- Wheel wash or tire bath wastewater should not include wastewater from concrete washout areas.

### ***Design and Installation Specifications***

Suggested details are shown in [Figure 4.1.2](#). The Local Permitting Authority may allow other designs. A minimum of 6 inches of asphalt treated base (ATB) over crushed base material or 8 inches over a good subgrade is recommended to pave the wheel wash.

Use a low clearance truck to test the wheel wash before paving. Either a belly dump or lowboy will work well to test clearance.

Keep the water level from 12 to 14 inches deep to avoid damage to truck hubs and filling the truck tongues with water.

Midpoint spray nozzles are only needed in extremely muddy conditions.

Wheel wash systems should be designed with a small grade change, 6- to 1-inches for a 10-foot-wide pond, to allow sediment to flow to the low side of pond to help prevent re-suspension of sediment. A drainpipe with a 2- to 3-foot riser should be installed on the low side of the pond to allow for easy cleaning and refilling. Polymers may be used to promote coagulation and flocculation in a closed-loop system. Polyacrylamide (PAM) added to the wheel wash water at a rate of 0.25 - 0.5 pounds per 1,000 gallons of water increases effectiveness and reduces cleanup time. If PAM is already being used for dust or erosion control and is being applied by a water truck, the same truck can be used to change the wash water.

## Maintenance Standards

The wheel wash should start out the day with fresh water.

The wash water should be changed a minimum of once per day. On large earthwork jobs where more than 10-20 trucks per hour are expected, the wash water will need to be changed more often.

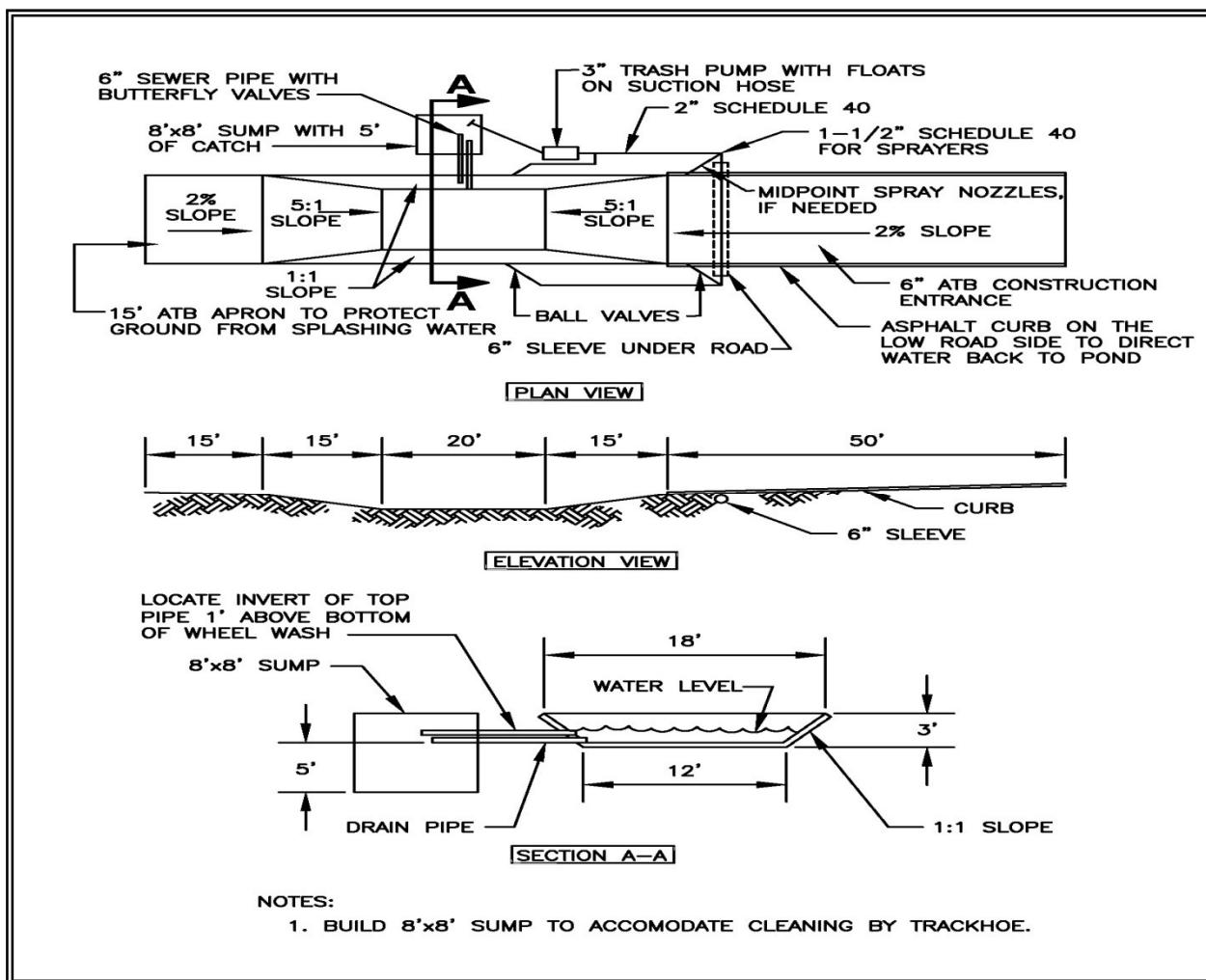


Figure 4.1.2 – Wheel Wash

Notes:

1. Asphalt construction entrance 6 in. asphalt treated base (ATB).
2. 3-inch trash pump with floats on the suction hose.
3. Midpoint spray nozzles, if needed.
4. 6-inch sewer pipe with butterfly valves. Bottom one is a drain. Locate top pipe's invert 1 foot above bottom of wheel wash.
5. 8 foot x 8 foot sump with 5 feet of catch. Build so the sump can be cleaned with a trackhoe.
6. Asphalt curb on the low road side to direct water back to pond.
7. 6-inch sleeve under road.
8. Ball valves.
9. 15 foot. ATB apron to protect ground from splashing water.

## BMP C121: Mulching

### *Purpose*

Mulching soils provides immediate temporary protection from erosion. Mulch also enhances plant establishment by conserving moisture, holding fertilizer, seed, and topsoil in place, and moderating soil temperatures. There is an enormous variety of mulches that can be used. This section discusses only the most common types of mulch.

### *Conditions of Use*

As a temporary cover measure, mulch should be used:

- For less than 30 days on disturbed areas that require cover.
- At all times for seeded areas, especially during the wet season and during the hot summer months.
- During the wet season on slopes steeper than 3H:1V with more than 10 feet of vertical relief.

Mulch may be applied at any time of the year and must be refreshed periodically.

- For seeded areas mulch may be made up of 100 percent: cottonseed meal; fibers made of wood, recycled cellulose, hemp, kenaf; compost; or blends of these. Tackifier shall be plant-based, such as guar or alpha plantago, or chemical-based such as polyacrylamide or polymers. Any mulch or tackifier product used shall be installed per manufacturer's instructions. Generally, mulches come in 40-50 pound bags. Seed and fertilizer are added at time of application.

### *Design and Installation Specifications*

For mulch materials, application rates, and specifications, see [Table 4.1.8](#). Always use a 2-inch minimum mulch thickness; increase the thickness until the ground is 95% covered (i.e. not visible under the mulch layer). Note: Thickness may be increased for disturbed areas in or near sensitive areas or other areas highly susceptible to erosion.

Mulch used within the ordinary high-water mark of surface waters should be selected to minimize potential flotation of organic matter. Composted organic materials have higher specific gravities (densities) than straw, wood, or chipped material. Consult Hydraulic Permit Authority (HPA) for mulch mixes if applicable.

### *Maintenance Standards*

- The thickness of the cover must be maintained.
- Any areas that experience erosion shall be remulched and/or protected with a net or blanket. If the erosion problem is drainage related, then the problem shall be fixed and the eroded area remulched.

**Table 4.1.8**  
**Mulch Standards and Guidelines**

Mulch Material	Quality Standards	Application Rates	Remarks
Straw	Air-dried; free from undesirable seed and coarse material.	2"-3" thick; 5 bales per 1,000 sf or 2-3 tons per acre	Cost-effective protection when applied with adequate thickness. Hand-application generally requires greater thickness than blown straw. The thickness of straw may be reduced by half when used in conjunction with seeding. In windy areas straw must be held in place by crimping, using a tackifier, or covering with netting. Blown straw always has to be held in place with a tackifier as even light winds will blow it away. Straw, however, has several deficiencies that should be considered when selecting mulch materials. It often introduces and/or encourages the propagation of weed species and it has no significant long-term benefits. It should also not be used within the ordinary high-water elevation of surface waters (due to flotation).
Hydromulch	No growth inhibiting factors.	Approx. 25-30 lbs per 1,000 sf or 1,500 - 2,000 lbs per acre	Shall be applied with hydromulcher. Shall not be used without seed and tackifier unless the application rate is at least doubled. Fibers longer than about $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 inch clog hydromulch equipment. Fibers should be kept to less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.
Composted Mulch and Compost	No visible water or dust during handling. Must be produced in accordance with <a href="#">WAC 173-350</a> , Solid Waste Handling Standards.	2" thick min.; approx. 100 tons per acre (approx. 800 lbs per yard)	More effective control can be obtained by increasing thickness to 3". Excellent mulch for protecting final grades until landscaping because it can be directly seeded or tilled into soil as an amendment. Composted mulch has a coarser size gradation than compost. It is more stable and practical to use in wet areas and during rainy weather conditions. Do not use composted mulch near wetlands or near phosphorous impaired water bodies.
Chipped Site Vegetation	Average size shall be several inches. Gradations from fines to 6 inches in length for texture, variation, and interlocking properties.	2" thick min.;	This is a cost-effective way to dispose of debris from clearing and grubbing, and it eliminates the problems associated with burning. Generally, it should not be used on slopes above approx. 10% because of its tendency to be transported by runoff. It is not recommended within 200 feet of surface waters. If seeding is expected shortly after mulch, the decomposition of the chipped vegetation may tie up nutrients important to grass establishment.
Wood-based Mulch or Wood Straw	No visible water or dust during handling. Must be purchased from a supplier with a Solid Waste Handling Permit or one exempt from solid waste regulations.	2" thick min.; approx. 100 tons per acre (approx. 800 lbs. per cubic yard)	This material is often called "hog or hogged fuel." The use of mulch ultimately improves the organic matter in the soil. Special caution is advised regarding the source and composition of wood-based mulches. Its preparation typically does not provide any weed seed control, so evidence of residual vegetation in its composition or known inclusion of weed plants or seeds should be monitored and prevented (or minimized).
Wood Strand Mulch	A blend of loose, long, thin wood pieces derived from native conifer or deciduous trees with high length-to-width ratio.	2" thick min.	Cost-effective protection when applied with adequate thickness. A minimum of 95-percent of the wood strand shall have lengths between 2 and 10-inches, with a width and thickness between 1/16 and $\frac{3}{8}$ -inches. The mulch shall not contain resin, tannin, or other compounds in quantities that would be detrimental to plant life. Sawdust or wood shavings shall not be used as mulch. (WSDOT specification (9-14.4(4))

## BMP C122: Nets and Blankets

### *Purpose*

Erosion control nets and blankets are intended to prevent erosion and hold seed and mulch in place on steep slopes and in channels so that vegetation can become well established. In addition, some nets and blankets can be used to permanently reinforce turf to protect drainage ways during high flows. Nets (commonly called matting) are strands of material woven into an open, but high-tensile strength net (for example, coconut fiber matting). Blankets are strands of material that are not tightly woven, but instead form a layer of interlocking fibers, typically held together by a biodegradable or photodegradable netting (for example, excelsior or straw blankets). They generally have lower tensile strength than nets, but cover the ground more completely. Coir (coconut fiber) fabric comes as both nets and blankets.

### *Conditions of Use*

Erosion control nets and blankets should be used:

- To aid permanent vegetated stabilization of slopes 2H:1V or greater and with more than 10 feet of vertical relief.
- For drainage ditches and swales (highly recommended). The application of appropriate netting or blanket to drainage ditches and swales can protect bare soil from channelized runoff while vegetation is established. Nets and blankets also can capture a great deal of sediment due to their open, porous structure. Nets and blankets can be used to permanently stabilize channels and may provide a cost-effective, environmentally preferable alternative to riprap. 100 percent synthetic blankets manufactured for use in ditches may be easily reused as temporary ditch liners.

Disadvantages of blankets include:

- Surface preparation required.
- On slopes steeper than 2.5H:1V, blanket installers may need to be roped and harnessed for safety.
- They cost at least \$4,000-6,000 per acre installed.

Advantages of blankets include:

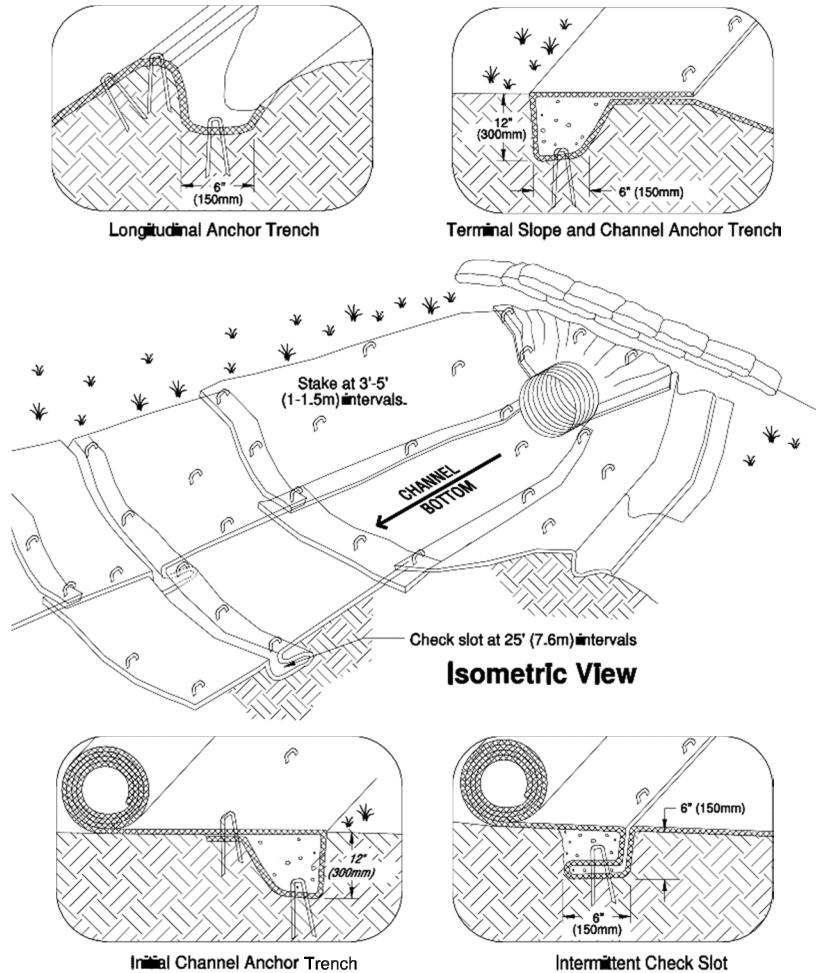
- Installation without mobilizing special equipment.
- Installation by anyone with minimal training
- Installation in stages or phases as the project progresses.
- Installers can hand place seed and fertilizer as they progress down the slope.
- Installation in any weather.
- There are numerous types of blankets that can be designed with various parameters in mind. Those parameters include: fiber blend, mesh strength, longevity, biodegradability, cost, and availability.

## ***Design and Installation Specifications***

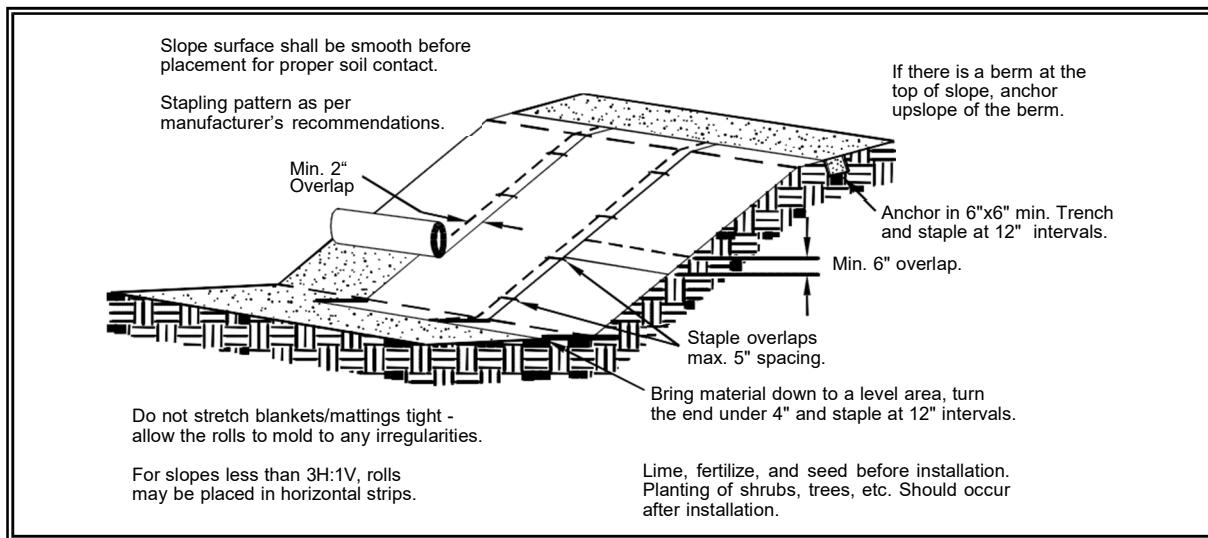
- See [Figure 4.1.3](#) and [Figure 4.1.4](#) for typical orientation and installation of blankets used in channels and as slope protection. Note: these are typical only; all blankets must be installed per manufacturer's installation instructions.
- Installation is critical to the effectiveness of these products. If good ground contact is not achieved, runoff can concentrate under the product, resulting in significant erosion.
- Installation of Blankets on Slopes:
  1. Complete final grade and track walk up and down the slope.
  2. Install hydromulch with seed and fertilizer.
  3. Dig a small trench, approximately 12 inches wide by 6 inches deep along the top of the slope.
  4. Install the leading edge of the blanket into the small trench and staple approximately every 18 inches. NOTE: Staples are metal, "U"-shaped, and a minimum of 6 inches long. Longer staples are used in sandy soils. Biodegradable stakes are also available.
  5. Roll the blanket slowly down the slope as installer walks backwards. NOTE: The blanket rests against the installer's legs. Staples are installed as the blanket is unrolled. It is critical that the proper staple pattern is used for the blanket being installed. The blanket is not to be allowed to roll down the slope on its own as this stretches the blanket making it impossible to maintain soil contact. In addition, no one is allowed to walk on the blanket after it is in place.
  6. If the blanket is not long enough to cover the entire slope length, the trailing edge of the upper blanket should overlap the leading edge of the lower blanket and be stapled. On steeper slopes, this overlap should be installed in a small trench, stapled, and covered with soil.
- With the variety of products available, it is impossible to cover all the details of appropriate use and installation. Therefore, it is critical that the design engineer consult the manufacturer's information and that a site visit takes place in order to ensure that the product specified is appropriate. Information is also available at the following web sites:
  1. WSDOT (Section 3.2.4):  
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/3B41E087-FA86-4717-932D-D7A8556CCD57/0/ErosionTrainingManual.pdf>
  2. Texas Transportation Institute:  
[http://www.txdot.gov/business/doing\\_business/product\\_evaluation/erosion\\_control.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/business/doing_business/product_evaluation/erosion_control.htm)

- Use jute matting in conjunction with mulch ([BMP C121](#)). Excelsior, woven straw blankets and coir (coconut fiber) blankets may be installed without mulch. There are many other types of erosion control nets and blankets on the market that may be appropriate in certain circumstances.
- In general, most nets (e.g., jute matting) require mulch in order to prevent erosion because they have a fairly open structure. Blankets typically do not require mulch because they usually provide complete protection of the surface.
- Extremely steep, unstable, wet, or rocky slopes are often appropriate candidates for use of synthetic blankets, as are riverbanks, beaches and other high-energy environments. If synthetic blankets are used, the soil should be hydromulched first.
- 100-percent biodegradable blankets are available for use in sensitive areas. These organic blankets are usually held together with a paper or fiber mesh and stitching which may last up to a year.
- Most netting used with blankets is photodegradable, meaning they break down under sunlight (not UV stabilized). However, this process can take months or years even under bright sun. Once vegetation is established, sunlight does not reach the mesh. It is not uncommon to find non-degraded netting still in place several years after installation. This can be a problem if maintenance requires the use of mowers or ditch cleaning equipment. In addition, birds and small animals can become trapped in the netting.
- Maintain good contact with the ground. Erosion must not occur beneath the net or blanket.
- Repair and staple any areas of the net or blanket that are damaged or not in close contact with the ground.
- Fix and protect eroded areas if erosion occurs due to poorly controlled drainage.

## *Maintenance Standards*



**Figure 4.1.3 – Channel Installation**



**Figure 4.1.4 – Slope Installation**

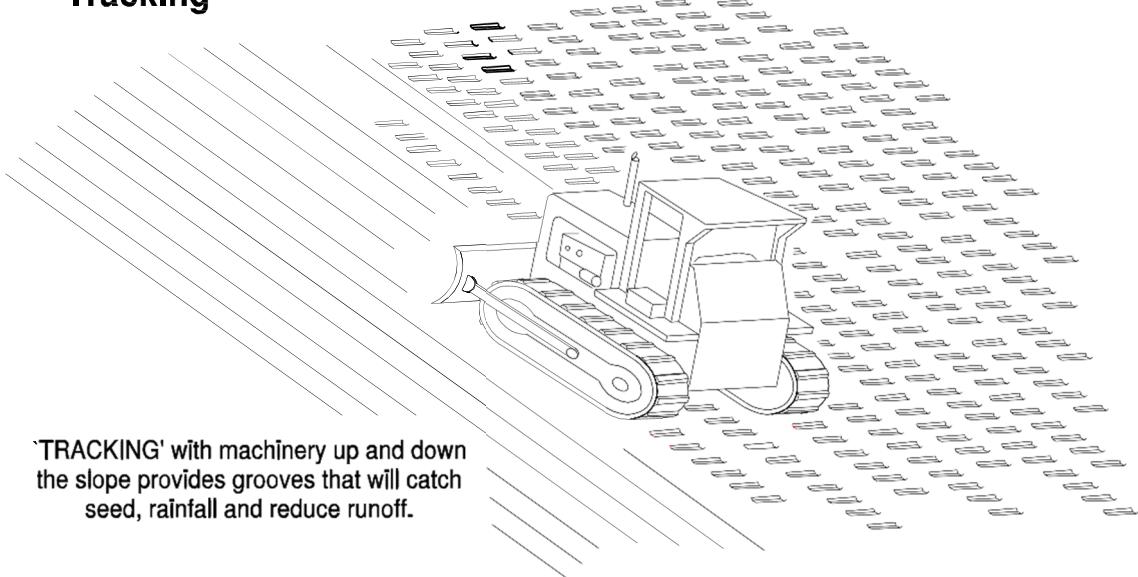
## **BMP C123: Plastic Covering**

<b>Purpose</b>	Plastic covering provides immediate, short-term erosion protection to slopes and disturbed areas.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	Plastic covering may be used on disturbed areas that require cover measures for less than 30 days, except as stated below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plastic is particularly useful for protecting cut and fill slopes and stockpiles. Note: The relatively rapid breakdown of most polyethylene sheeting makes it unsuitable for long-term (greater than six months) applications.</li><li>Due to rapid runoff caused by plastic covering, do not use this method upslope of areas that might be adversely impacted by concentrated runoff. Such areas include steep and/or unstable slopes.</li><li>Plastic sheeting may result in increased runoff volumes and velocities, requiring additional on-site measures to counteract the increases. Creating a trough with wattles or other material can convey clean water away from these areas.</li><li>To prevent undercutting, trench and backfill rolled plastic covering products.</li><li>While plastic is inexpensive to purchase, the added cost of installation, maintenance, removal, and disposal make this an expensive material, up to \$1.50-2.00 per square yard.</li><li>Whenever plastic is used to protect slopes install water collection measures at the base of the slope. These measures include plastic-covered berms, channels, and pipes used to convey clean rainwater away from bare soil and disturbed areas. Do not mix clean runoff from a plastic covered slope with dirty runoff from a project.</li><li>Other uses for plastic include:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Temporary ditch liner.</li><li>Pond liner in temporary sediment pond.</li><li>Liner for bermed temporary fuel storage area if plastic is not reactive to the type of fuel being stored.</li><li>Emergency slope protection during heavy rains.</li><li>Temporary drainpipe (“elephant trunk”) used to direct water.</li></ol></li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plastic slope cover must be installed as follows:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Run plastic up and down slope, not across slope.</li><li>Plastic may be installed perpendicular to a slope if the slope length is less than 10 feet.</li><li>Minimum of 8-inch overlap at seams.</li></ol></li></ul>

## BMP C130: Surface Roughening

<b>Purpose</b>	Surface roughening aids in the establishment of vegetative cover, reduces runoff velocity, increases infiltration, and provides for sediment trapping through the provision of a rough soil surface. Horizontal depressions are created by operating a tiller or other suitable equipment on the contour or by leaving slopes in a roughened condition by not fine grading them. Use this BMP in conjunction with other BMPs such as seeding, mulching, or sodding.
<b>Conditions for Use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All slopes steeper than 3H:1V and greater than 5 vertical feet require surface roughening to a depth of 2 to 4 inches prior to seeding..</li><li>• Areas that will not be stabilized immediately may be roughened to reduce runoff velocity until seeding takes place.</li><li>• Slopes with a stable rock face do not require roughening.</li><li>• Slopes where mowing is planned should not be excessively roughened.</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<p>There are different methods for achieving a roughened soil surface on a slope, and the selection of an appropriate method depends upon the type of slope. Roughening methods include stair-step grading, grooving, contour furrows, and tracking. See <a href="#">Figure 4.1.5</a> for tracking and contour furrows. Factors to be considered in choosing a method are slope steepness, mowing requirements, and whether the slope is formed by cutting or filling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disturbed areas that will not require mowing may be stair-step graded, grooved, or left rough after filling.</li><li>• Stair-step grading is particularly appropriate in soils containing large amounts of soft rock. Each "step" catches material that sloughs from above, and provides a level site where vegetation can become established. Stairs should be wide enough to work with standard earth moving equipment. Stair steps must be on contour or gullies will form on the slope.</li><li>• Areas that will be mowed (these areas should have slopes less steep than 3H:1V) may have small furrows left by disking, harrowing, raking, or seed-planting machinery operated on the contour.</li><li>• Graded areas with slopes steeper than 3H:1V but less than 2H:1V should be roughened before seeding. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways, including "track walking," or driving a crawler tractor up and down the slope, leaving a pattern of cleat imprints parallel to slope contours.</li><li>• Tracking is done by operating equipment up and down the slope to leave horizontal depressions in the soil.</li></ul>
<b>Maintenance Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Areas that are graded in this manner should be seeded as quickly as possible.</li><li>• Regular inspections should be made of the area. If rills appear, they should be re-graded and re-seeded immediately.</li></ul>

## Tracking



## Contour Furrows

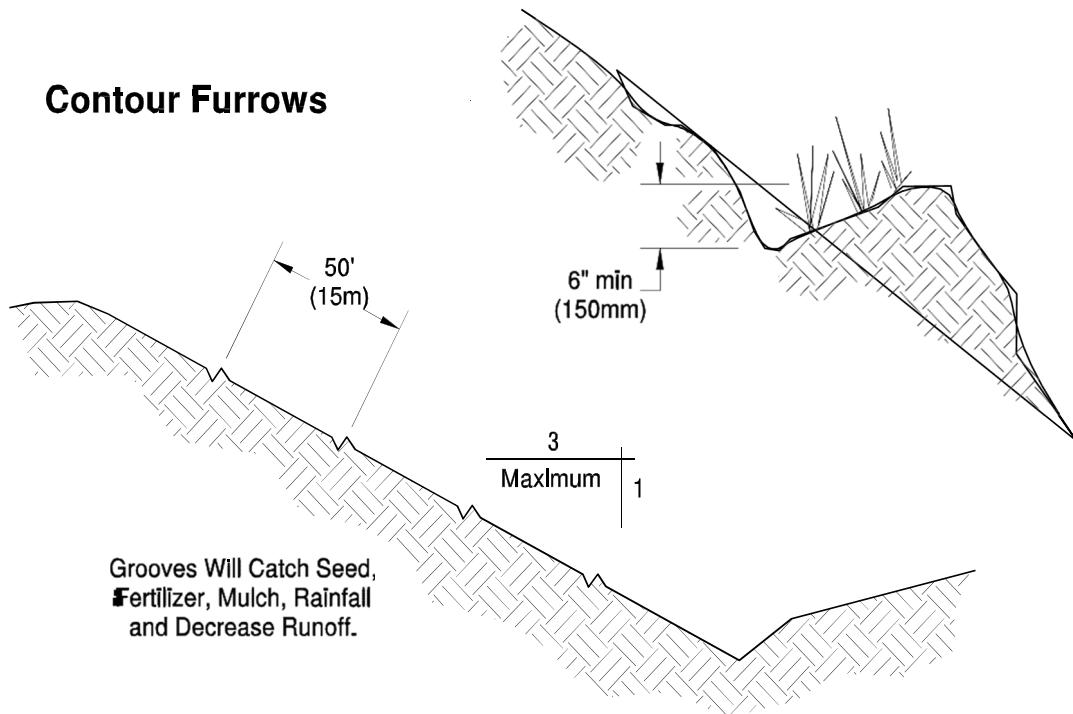


Figure 4.1.5 – Surface Roughening by Tracking and Contour Furrows

## BMP C202: Channel Lining

<b>Purpose</b>	To protect channels by providing a channel liner using either blankets or riprap.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	When natural soils or vegetated stabilized soils in a channel are not adequate to prevent channel erosion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When a permanent ditch or pipe system is to be installed and a temporary measure is needed.</li><li>In almost all cases, synthetic and organic coconut blankets are more effective than riprap for protecting channels from erosion. Blankets can be used with and without vegetation. Blanketed channels can be designed to handle any expected flow and longevity requirement. Some synthetic blankets have a predicted life span of 50 years or more, even in sunlight.</li><li>Other reasons why blankets are better than rock include the availability of blankets over rock. In many areas of the state, rock is not easily obtainable or is very expensive to haul to a site. Blankets can be delivered anywhere. Rock requires the use of dump trucks to haul and heavy equipment to place. Blankets usually only require laborers with hand tools, and sometimes a backhoe.</li><li>The Federal Highway Administration recommends not using flexible liners whenever the slope exceeds 10 percent or the shear stress exceeds 8 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>.</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<p>See <a href="#">BMP C122</a> for information on blankets.</p> <p>Since riprap is used where erosion potential is high, construction must be sequenced so that the riprap is put in place with the minimum possible delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Disturbance of areas where riprap is to be placed should be undertaken only when final preparation and placement of the riprap can follow immediately behind the initial disturbance. Where riprap is used for outlet protection, the riprap should be placed before or in conjunction with the construction of the pipe or channel so that it is in place when the pipe or channel begins to operate.</li><li>The designer, after determining the riprap size that will be stable under the flow conditions, shall consider that size to be a minimum size and then, based on riprap gradations actually available in the area, select the size or sizes that equal or exceed the minimum size. The possibility of drainage structure damage by children shall be considered in selecting a riprap size, especially if there is nearby water or a gully in which to toss the stones.</li><li>Stone for riprap shall consist of field stone or quarry stone of approximately rectangular shape. The stone shall be hard and angular</li></ul>

and of such quality that it will not disintegrate on exposure to water or weathering and it shall be suitable in all respects for the purpose intended.

- A lining of engineering filter fabric (geotextile) shall be placed between the riprap and the underlying soil surface to prevent soil movement into or through the riprap. The geotextile should be keyed in at the top of the bank.
- Filter fabric shall not be used on slopes greater than 1-1/2H:1V as slippage may occur. It should be used in conjunction with a layer of coarse aggregate (granular filter blanket) when the riprap to be placed is 12 inches and larger.

## BMP C203: Water Bars

### *Purpose*

A small ditch or ridge of material is constructed diagonally across a road or right-of-way to divert stormwater runoff from the road surface, wheel tracks, or a shallow road ditch. See [Figure 4.2.3](#).

### *Conditions of use*

Clearing right-of-way and construction of access for power lines, pipelines, and other similar installations often require long narrow right-of-ways over sloping terrain. Disturbance and compaction promotes gully formation in these cleared strips by increasing the volume and velocity of runoff. Gully formation may be especially severe in tire tracks and ruts. To prevent gullying, runoff can often be diverted across the width of the right-of-way to undisturbed areas by using small predesigned diversions.

- Give special consideration to each individual outlet area, as well as to the cumulative effect of added diversions. Use gravel to stabilize the diversion where significant vehicular traffic is anticipated.

### *Design and Installation Specifications*

Height: 8-inch minimum measured from the channel bottom to the ridge top.

- Side slope of channel: 2H:1V maximum; 3H:1V or flatter when vehicles will cross.
- Base width of ridge: 6-inch minimum.
- Locate them to use natural drainage systems and to discharge into well vegetated stable areas.
- Guideline for Spacing:

Slope %	Spacing (ft)
< 5	125
5 - 10	100
10 - 20	75
20 - 35	50
> 35	Use rock lined ditch

- Grade of water bar and angle: Select angle that results in ditch slope less than 2 percent.
- Install as soon as the clearing and grading is complete. Reconstruct when construction is complete on a section when utilities are being installed.
- Compact the ridge when installed.
- Stabilize, seed and mulch the portions that are not subject to traffic. Gravel the areas crossed by vehicles.

## Maintenance Standards

Periodically inspect right-of-way diversions for wear and after every heavy rainfall for erosion damage.

- Immediately remove sediment from the flow area and repair the dike.
- Check outlet areas and make timely repairs as needed.
- When permanent road drainage is established and the area above the temporary right-of-way diversion is permanently stabilized, remove the dikes and fill the channel to blend with the natural ground, and appropriately stabilize the disturbed area.

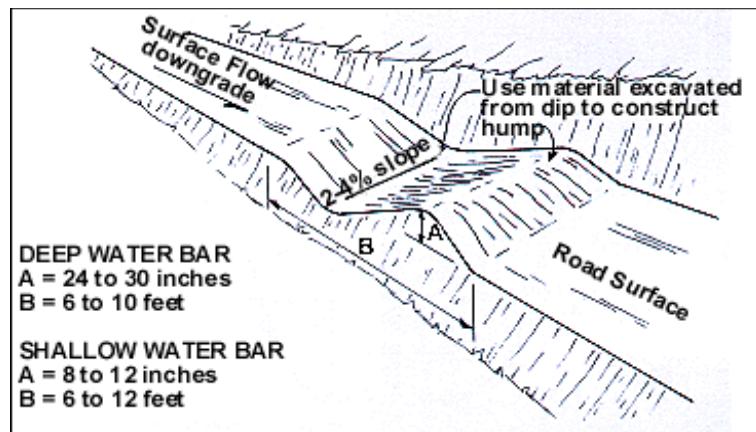


Figure 4.2.3 – Water Bar

## BMP C206: Level Spreader

<b>Purpose</b>	To provide a temporary outlet for dikes and diversions consisting of an excavated depression constructed at zero grade across a slope. To convert concentrated runoff to sheet flow and release it onto areas stabilized by existing vegetation or an engineered filter strip.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	Used when a concentrated flow of water needs to be dispersed over a large area with existing stable vegetation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Items to consider are:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is the risk of erosion or damage if the flow may become concentrated?</li><li>2. Is an easement required if discharged to adjoining property?</li><li>3. Most of the flow should be as ground water and not as surface flow.</li><li>4. Is there an unstable area downstream that cannot accept additional ground water?</li></ol></li><li>• Use only where the slopes are gentle, the water volume is relatively low, and the soil will adsorb most of the low flow events.</li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<p>Use above undisturbed areas that are stabilized by existing vegetation. If the level spreader has any low points, flow will concentrate, create channels and may cause erosion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discharge area below the outlet must be uniform with a slope flatter than 5H:1V.</li><li>• Outlet to be constructed level in a stable, undisturbed soil profile (not on fill).</li><li>• The runoff shall not re-concentrate after release unless intercepted by another downstream measure.</li><li>• The grade of the channel for the last 20 feet of the dike or interceptor entering the level spreader shall be less than or equal to 1 percent. The grade of the level spreader shall be 0 percent to ensure uniform spreading of storm runoff.</li><li>• A 6-inch high gravel berm placed across the level lip shall consist of washed crushed rock, 2- to 4-inch or 3/4-inch to 1½-inch size.</li><li>• The spreader length shall be determined by estimating the peak flow expected from the 10-year, 24-hour design storm. The length of the spreader shall be a minimum of 15 feet for 0.1 cfs and shall increase by 10 feet for each 0.1 cfs thereafter to a maximum of 0.5 cfs per spreader. Use multiple spreaders for higher flows.</li><li>• The width of the spreader should be at least 6 feet.</li><li>• The depth of the spreader as measured from the lip should be at least 6 inches and it should be uniform across the entire length.</li></ul>

- Level spreaders shall be setback from the property line unless there is an easement for flow.
- Level spreaders, when installed every so often in grassy swales, keep the flows from concentrating. Materials that can be used include sand bags, lumber, logs, concrete, and pipe. To function properly, the material needs to be installed level and on contour. [Figures](#)  
[4.2.5Figure425](#) and [4.2.6](#) provide a cross-section and a detail of a level spreader. A capped perforated pipe could also be used as a spreader.

### Maintenance Standards

The spreader should be inspected after every runoff event to ensure that it is functioning correctly.

- The contractor should avoid the placement of any material on the structure and should prevent construction traffic from crossing over the structure.
- If the spreader is damaged by construction traffic, it shall be immediately repaired.

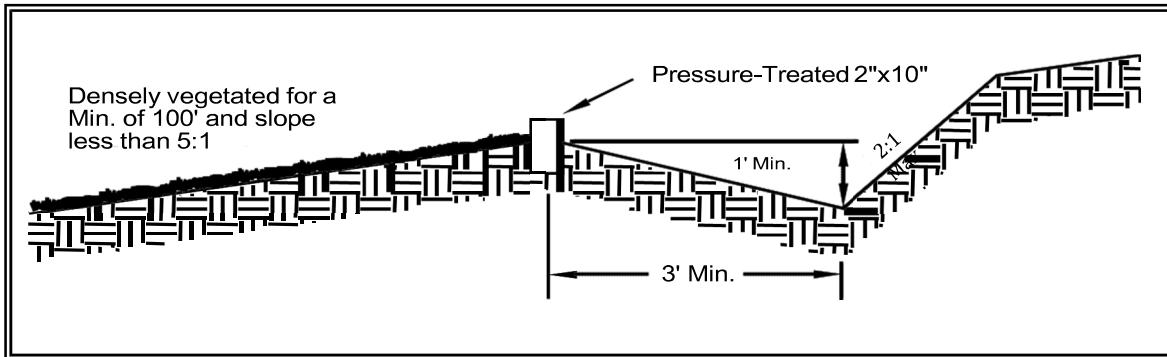


Figure 4.2.5 – Cross Section of Level Spreader

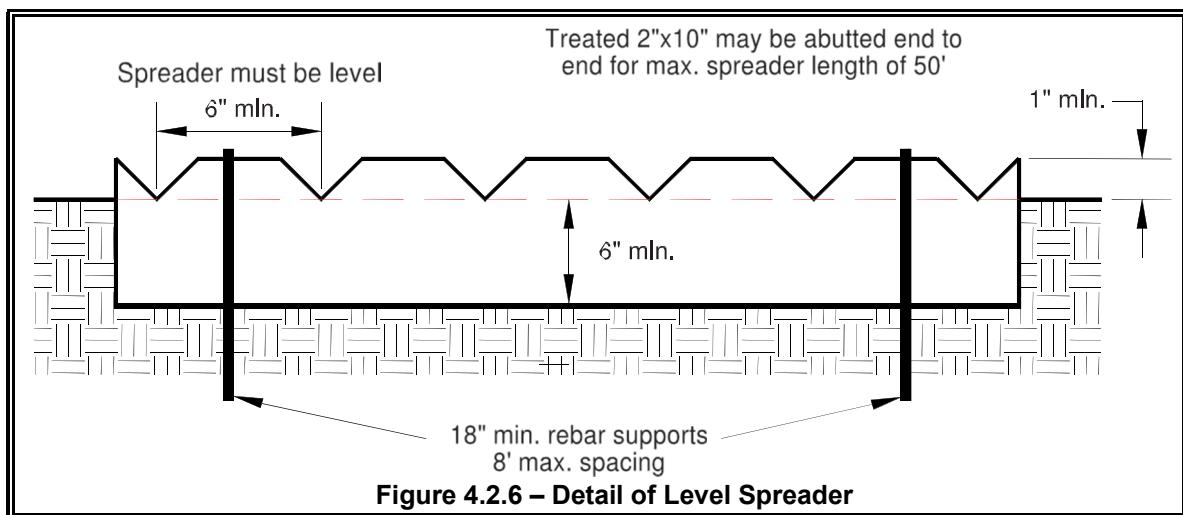


Figure 4.2.6 – Detail of Level Spreader

## **BMP C208: Triangular Silt Dike (TSD) (Geotextile-Encased Check Dam)**

<b>Purpose</b>	Triangular silt dikes may be used as check dams, for perimeter protection, for temporary soil stockpile protection, for drop inlet protection, or as a temporary interceptor dike.
<b>Conditions of use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May be used on soil or pavement with adhesive or staples.</li><li>• TSDs have been used to build temporary:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. sediment ponds;</li><li>2. diversion ditches;</li><li>3. concrete wash out facilities;</li><li>4. curbing;</li><li>5. water bars;</li><li>6. level spreaders; and,</li><li>7. berms.</li></ol></li></ul>
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<p>Made of urethane foam sewn into a woven geosynthetic fabric.</p> <p>It is triangular, 10 inches to 14 inches high in the center, with a 20-inch to 28-inch base. A 2-foot apron extends beyond both sides of the triangle along its standard section of 7 feet. A sleeve at one end allows attachment of additional sections as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Install with ends curved up to prevent water from flowing around the ends.</li><li>• The fabric flaps and check dam units are attached to the ground with wire staples. Wire staples should be No. 11 gauge wire and should be 200 mm to 300 mm in length.</li><li>• When multiple units are installed, the sleeve of fabric at the end of the unit shall overlap the abutting unit and be stapled.</li><li>• Check dams should be located and installed as soon as construction will allow.</li><li>• Check dams should be placed perpendicular to the flow of water.</li><li>• When used as check dams, the leading edge must be secured with rocks, sandbags, or a small key slot and staples.</li><li>• In the case of grass-lined ditches and swales, check dams and accumulated sediment shall be removed when the grass has matured sufficiently to protect the ditch or swale unless the slope of the swale is greater than 4 percent. The area beneath the check dams shall be seeded and mulched immediately after dam removal.</li></ul>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Triangular silt dams shall be inspected for performance and sediment</li></ul>

**Standards**

accumulation during and after each runoff producing rainfall. Sediment shall be removed when it reaches one half the height of the dam.

- Anticipate submergence and deposition above the triangular silt dam and erosion from high flows around the edges of the dam. Immediately repair any damage or any undercutting of the dam.

## BMP C231: Brush Barrier

### Purpose

The purpose of brush barriers is to reduce the transport of coarse sediment from a construction site by providing a temporary physical barrier to sediment and reducing the runoff velocities of overland flow.

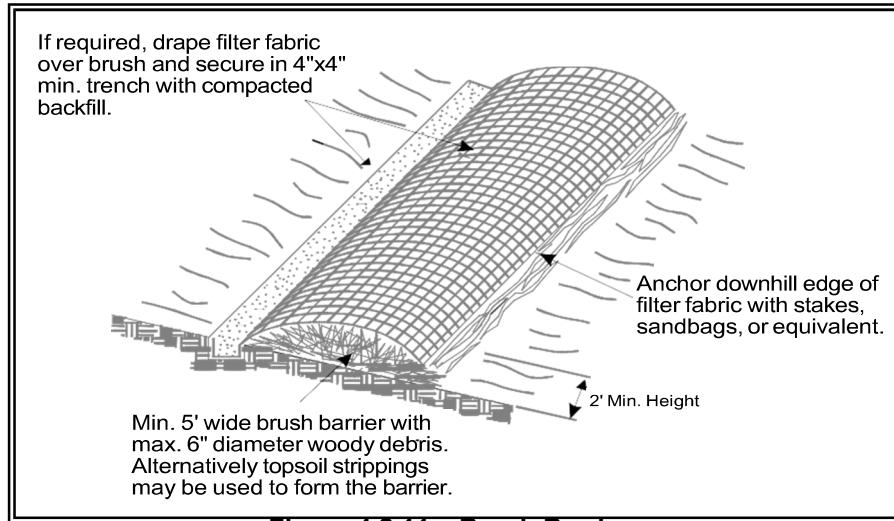
### Conditions of Use

- Brush barriers may be used downslope of all disturbed areas of less than one-quarter acre.
- Brush barriers are not intended to treat concentrated flows, nor are they intended to treat substantial amounts of overland flow. Any concentrated flows must be conveyed through the drainage system to a sediment pond. The only circumstance in which overland flow can be treated solely by a brush barrier, rather than by a sediment pond, is when the area draining to the barrier is small.
- Brush barriers should only be installed on contours.
- Height 2 feet (minimum) to 5 feet (maximum).
- Width 5 feet at base (minimum) to 15 feet (maximum).
- Filter fabric (geotextile) may be anchored over the brush berm to enhance the filtration ability of the barrier. Ten-ounce burlap is an adequate alternative to filter fabric.
- Chipped site vegetation, composted mulch, or wood-based mulch (hog fuel) can be used to construct brush barriers.
- A 100 percent biodegradable installation can be constructed using 10-ounce burlap held in place by wooden stakes. [Figure 4.2.11](#) depicts a typical brush barrier.

### Maintenance Standards

- There shall be no signs of erosion or concentrated runoff under or around the barrier. If concentrated flows are bypassing the barrier, it must be expanded or augmented by toed-in filter fabric.

- The dimensions of the barrier must be maintained.



**Figure 4.2.11 – Brush Barrier**

## **BMP C232: Gravel Filter Berm**

<b>Purpose</b>	A gravel filter berm is constructed on rights-of-way or traffic areas within a construction site to retain sediment by using a filter berm of gravel or crushed rock.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	Where a temporary measure is needed to retain sediment from rights-of-way or in traffic areas on construction sites.
<b>Design and Installation Specifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Berm material shall be <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> to 3 inches in size, washed well-grade gravel or crushed rock with less than 5 percent fines.</li><li>• Spacing of berms:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Every 300 feet on slopes less than 5 percent</li><li>– Every 200 feet on slopes between 5 percent and 10 percent</li><li>– Every 100 feet on slopes greater than 10 percent</li></ul></li><li>• Berm dimensions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 1 foot high with 3H:1V side slopes</li><li>– 8 linear feet per 1 cfs runoff based on the 10-year, 24-hour design storm</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Maintenance Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular inspection is required. Sediment shall be removed and filter material replaced as needed.</li></ul>

## BMP C240: Sediment Trap

<b>Purpose</b>	A sediment trap is a small temporary ponding area with a gravel outlet used to collect and store sediment from sites cleared and/or graded during construction. Sediment traps, along with other perimeter controls, shall be installed before any land disturbance takes place in the drainage area.
<b>Conditions of Use</b>	Prior to leaving a construction site, stormwater runoff must pass through a sediment pond or trap or other appropriate sediment removal best management practice. Non-engineered sediment traps may be used on-site prior to an engineered sediment trap or sediment pond to provide additional sediment removal capacity.
	It is intended for use on sites where the tributary drainage area is less than 3 acres, with no unusual drainage features, and a projected build-out time of six months or less. The sediment trap is a temporary measure (with a design life of approximately 6 months) and shall be maintained until the site area is permanently protected against erosion by vegetation and/or structures.
	Sediment traps and ponds are only effective in removing sediment down to about the medium silt size fraction. Runoff with sediment of finer grades (fine silt and clay) will pass through untreated, emphasizing the need to control erosion to the maximum extent first.
	Whenever possible, sediment-laden water shall be discharged into on-site, relatively level, vegetated areas (see <a href="#">BMP C234 – Vegetated Strip</a> ). This is the only way to effectively remove fine particles from runoff unless chemical treatment or filtration is used. This can be particularly useful after initial treatment in a sediment trap or pond. The areas of release must be evaluated on a site-by-site basis in order to determine appropriate locations for and methods of releasing runoff. Vegetated wetlands shall not be used for this purpose. Frequently, it may be possible to pump water from the collection point at the downhill end of the site to an upslope vegetated area. Pumping shall only augment the treatment system, not replace it, because of the possibility of pump failure or runoff volume in excess of pump capacity.
	All projects that are constructing permanent facilities for runoff quantity control should use the rough-graded or final-graded permanent facilities for traps and ponds. This includes combined facilities and infiltration facilities. When permanent facilities are used as temporary sedimentation facilities, the surface area requirement of a sediment trap or pond must be met. If the surface area requirements are larger than the surface area of the permanent facility, then the trap or pond shall be enlarged to comply with the surface area requirement. The permanent pond shall also be divided into two cells as required for sediment ponds.

## **Design and Installation Specifications**

Either a permanent control structure or the temporary control structure (described in [BMP C241](#), Temporary Sediment Pond) can be used. If a permanent control structure is used, it may be advisable to partially restrict the lower orifice with gravel to increase residence time while still allowing dewatering of the pond. A shut-off valve may be added to the control structure to allow complete retention of stormwater in emergency situations. In this case, an emergency overflow weir must be added.

A skimmer may be used for the sediment trap outlet if approved by the Local Permitting Authority.

- See [Figures 4.2.16](#) and [4.2.17](#) for details.
- If permanent runoff control facilities are part of the project, they should be used for sediment retention.
- To determine the sediment trap geometry, first calculate the design surface area (SA) of the trap, measured at the invert of the weir. Use the following equation:

$$SA = FS(Q_2/V_s)$$

where

$Q_2$  = Design inflow based on the peak discharge from the developed 2-year runoff event from the contributing drainage area as computed in the hydrologic analysis. The 10-year peak flow shall be used if the project size, expected timing and duration of construction, or downstream conditions warrant a higher level of protection. If no hydrologic analysis is required, the Rational Method may be used.

$V_s$  = The settling velocity of the soil particle of interest. The 0.02 mm (medium silt) particle with an assumed density of 2.65 g/cm<sup>3</sup> has been selected as the particle of interest and has a settling velocity ( $V_s$ ) of 0.00096 ft/sec.

$FS$  = A safety factor of 2 to account for non-ideal settling.

Therefore, the equation for computing surface area becomes:

$$SA = 2 \times Q_2/0.00096 \text{ or}$$

2080 square feet per cfs of inflow

Note: Even if permanent facilities are used, they must still have a surface area that is at least as large as that derived from the above formula. If they do not, the pond must be enlarged.

- To aid in determining sediment depth, all sediment traps shall have a staff gauge with a prominent mark 1-foot above the bottom of the trap.

## Maintenance Standards

- Sediment traps may not be feasible on utility projects due to the limited work space or the short-term nature of the work. Portable tanks may be used in place of sediment traps for utility projects.
- Sediment shall be removed from the trap when it reaches 1-foot in depth.
- Any damage to the pond embankments or slopes shall be repaired.

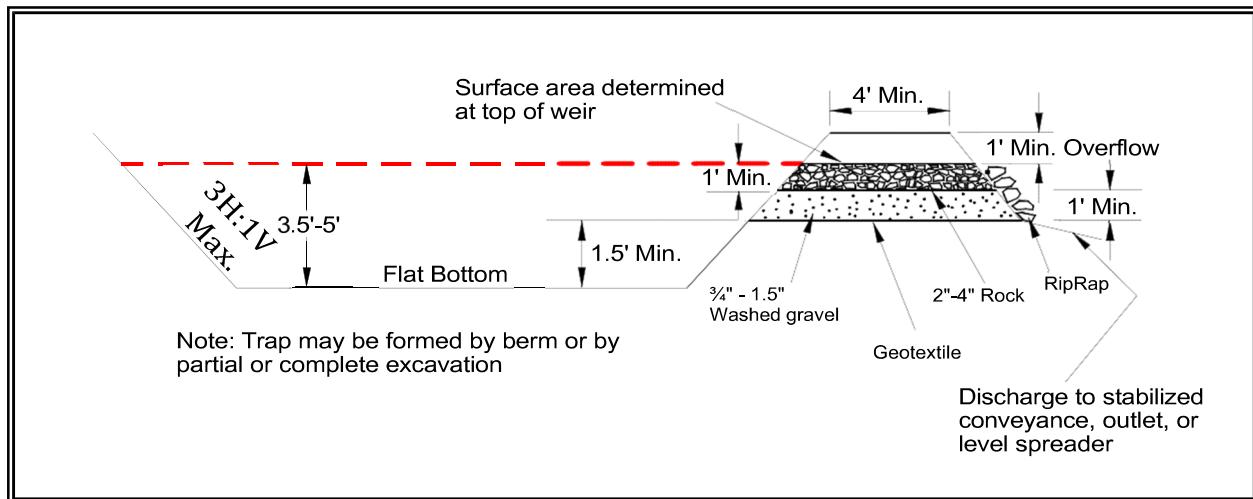


Figure 4.2.16 – Cross Section of Sediment Trap

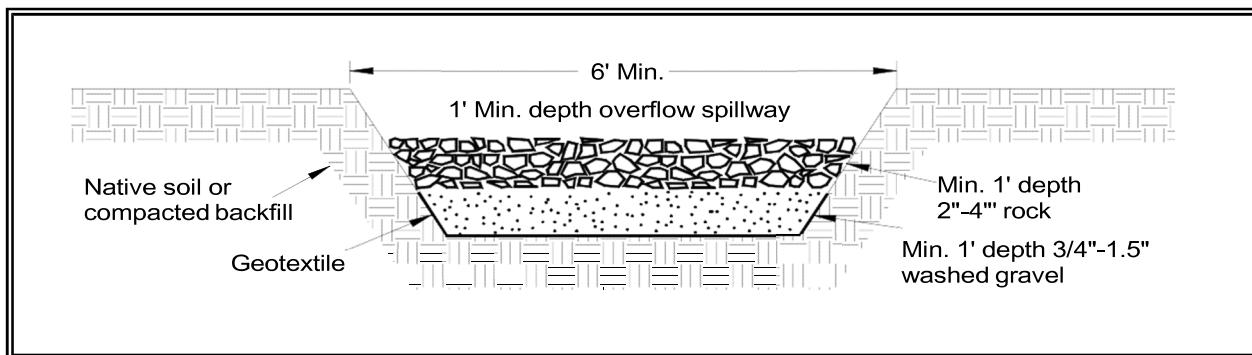


Figure 4.2.17 – Sediment Trap Outlet

## **Appendix D – Construction Stormwater General Permit**

## **Appendix E – Site Inspection Forms (and Site Log)**

Stormwater/Erosion Control Inspection Form						
DATE:	TIME:		CONTACT:			
SITE:	ACRES:					
LOCATION:						
WEATHER:						
PERMIT ON SITE		PERMIT NO.				
SWPPP ON SITE		CONTRACTOR:				
Best Management Practices in the SWPPP:						
Control BMPs	In Plan	Properly installed	Treatment BMPs	In Plan	Properly Installed	Other:
Preserv Nat Veg			Intercept Dike/Swale			
Buffer Zones			Grass Lines Swales			
High Vis Fence			Channel Lining			
Stake & Wire Fence			Water bars			
Stabilized Entrance			Pipe Slope Drains			
Wheel Wash			Subsurface Drains			
Road/Pk Area Stable			Level Spreader			
Temp/Perm Seeding			Check Dams			
Mulching			Triangular Silt Dike			
Nets/Blankets			Outlet Protection			
Plastic Covering			Sto Drain Inlet Protec			
Sodding			Straw Bale Barrier			
Topsoiling			Brush Barrier			
Polyacrylamides			Gravel Filter Berm			
Surface roughing			Silt Fence			
Gradient Terraces			Vegetated Strip			
Dust Control			Straw Wattles			
Materials On Hand			Sediment trap			
Concrete Handling			Temp Sed Pond			
Sawcut & Surface			SW Chem Treatment			
Erosion Control Lead			SW Filtration			
Pay Erosion Work			Is the site stabilized?		Partially	
Scheduling			Turbid Water is being discharged?			
Small Project			Receiving Water:			
Water Quality Samples Taken?		Results:	pH	TUR	CON	TEM
Sample ID:		LOC:				
Sample ID:		LOC:				
Sample ID:		LOC:				
This site is IN/OUT of compliance with the terms of the SWPPP & Permit.						
Summary of remedial action(if needed):						
I certify under penalty of law that this report is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge and belief.						
Name: Title:						
Signature:						



## ADJACENT AREAS

The site is bound by Yelm Hwy to the south, private residential land to the west, undeveloped land and Kettle View Park to the north, and Parkview Apartments to the east.

## CRITICAL AREAS

The project site is located within a Critical Aquifer Recharge Area/High Aquifer Recharge Class and is within the City's Briggs Drinking Water (Wellhead Protection Area).

## SOILS

According to the NRCS soils report the majority of the site consists of yelm fine sandy loam with the exception of the kettle area that contains Mukilteo muck.

## EROSION PROBLEM AREAS

Potential on-site erosion control problems are not anticipated at this time. All lot lines are given the appropriate buffer from the steep slopes of the south kettle. The Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control will be on-site or on-call during construction activities to identify any erosion control problems. If there is a problem, the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control will promptly authorize the Contractor to initiate corrective measures.

## CONSTRUCTION PHASING

Briggs West Residential will be constructed in multiple phases.

## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Anticipated construction activities and sequences are not known at this time.

## FINANCIAL / OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

The Owner of the property Briggs Re-Development, LLC is financing the construction/installation of the site improvements.

## ENGINEERING CALCULATIONS

WWHM was used for calculations to size the treatment systems and demonstrate an analysis on the south kettle drainage facility.

## REFERENCES

*Volume II of the DDECM.*