WHAT IS SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL?

Soil erosion and sediment control is used on residential and commercial building sites to prevent materials such as sand and cement from entering our waterways. If not managed properly, sediment pollution can have a significant impact on the environment, smothering aquatic plants and animals and endangering their survival. It can also block stormwater drains and cause overflows and flooding.

WHY DO I NEED A SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLAN?

- It's the law. If you or your builder breaks the rules, you could receive fines of $8,000 to $15,000 for each incident.
- Save money and downtime by having an organised site and preventing sand, soil and other building supplies from being washed away during wet weather.
- Reduce hazards and improve the health and safety for your tradespeople, family and the community.
- Help make our waterways clean and safe places for everyone to enjoy.

GET THE SITE RIGHT

'Get the Site Right' is a joint taskforce of more than 20 local councils, the NSW Environment Protection Authority and Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, which targets erosion and sediment control on commercial and residential building sites around Sydney.

We are working with developers and the community to raise awareness about the effects of sediment runoff on our harbours, rivers and creeks, and highlight the important role they can play in helping to improve water quality and protect surrounding environments.

For more information on soil erosion and sediment control, contact your local council or visit:

www.georgesriver.org.au/get-the-site-right

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HOW TO GET YOUR SITE RIGHT

Soil erosion and sediment control is an essential part of any building construction or renovation. It is important that you or your builder has a comprehensive soil erosion and sediment control plan in place before building begins. Check with your builder or call your local council for more information on the requirements for your site.

SAND & SOIL STOCKPILES

Stockpiles should be placed behind a sediment barrier, away from drainage paths. Cement and soil bags should also be covered at the end of each day, if rain or strong winds are forecast.

CLEANING EQUIPMENT

Building equipment, particularly those containing concrete waste, should be cleaned in a designated area well away from any stormwater drain.

HARD WASTE AND LITTER

Hard waste and litter should be stored and disposed of safely so that it cannot be blown onto the street or adjacent properties or washed into the gutters.

STABILISED ACCESS

Vehicle movements should be limited to a stabilised access, which reduces the amount of sediment that is transferred off the site and onto the street.

SEDIMENT FENCE

Installing sediment fencing along the low side of the site can prevent coarse material from getting into the gutters, drains and watercourses.

FOOTPATH VEGETATION

Maintaining a well-vegetated (grassed) footpath is very important for reducing erosion hazard and preventing material from entering the storwmater system.

SEDIMENT FILTER SOCKS

These are bags filled with gravel that protect stormwater drains from building waste. They should be removed once construction is finished.

See a site that's not right? Report any issues to your local council.