



Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control

Inspections

Overview

You have been issued an *Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (EPSC)* permit and are ready to begin construction. This handout is designed to help you understand and prepare for your EPSC inspections throughout construction.

If you need additional information on why the permit is necessary, the permit process, or more detail on the EPSC program, handouts are available at the Development Services front counter in City Hall, 501 SW Madison Avenue.

What inspections are required?

There are 3 types of inspections performed throughout construction: an *initial inspection*, multiple *progress inspections*, and a *final inspection*.

Initial inspection

Prior to any ground disturbing activity on the site, an initial inspection by City staff is required. Your approved EPSC plan shows how soil erosion will be minimized and sediment contained on-site during construction. Before scheduling the initial inspection, your EPSC plan needs to be implemented. That means if your plan shows the installation of a sediment fence, that fence needs to be in place when the inspector arrives.

When your EPSC plan has been implemented, call the City's inspection request line at (541) 766-6745. The inspector will contact you to arrange a time to meet on-site to discuss the implementation of the EPSC plan.

Remember, prior to the initial inspection, your EPSC permit only authorizes you to install the erosion prevention measures as indicated on your approved plans.

Progress inspections

Throughout construction, an EPSC inspector will periodically visit your site to monitor the effectiveness and implementation of the EPSC plan. Remember, EPSC measures shown on your approved plans are minimum requirements for anticipated site conditions. During construction, it may be necessary for the EPSC measures to be upgraded for unexpected storm events and to ensure that sediment and sediment-laden water does not leave the site. The inspector will leave a written notice on-site with any required corrections and a re-inspection date. Typically, 2 days are given to complete any corrections.

Final inspection

To close the EPSC permit, a final inspection is required. Call the City's inspection request line at (541) 766-6745. The inspector will be checking to see that all exposed soil is permanently stabilized and erosion control measures are removed.

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Answers to Common Questions

Can I continue work after installing my erosion control measures?

Yes and No.

For construction of a single-family residence or duplex, you may continue permitted work after *scheduling* your initial erosion control inspection. Any corrections given during the initial inspection must be completed immediately.

All other construction is considered to be commercial construction and your initial erosion control inspection must be *completed* before continuing permitted work. If you schedule an inspection before 7:00 am, it will be completed the same day, resulting in little or no construction delay.

When can erosion control measures be removed?

Erosion control measures are required to remain in place until permanent ground cover is established. During the landscape process, it is acceptable to remove erosion control measures like sediment fence as necessary to facilitate work.

Installing permanent ground cover is normally outside my scope of work. Can I transfer the EPSC permit to another responsible party?

No. EPSC permits are not transferable. As the permit holder, you are responsible for establishing permanent ground cover in the form of landscaping, seeding, or covering exposed soil with a minimum 2-inch layer of bark or wood chips. For residential construction, where areas of the lot have a final grade less than 10% slope, a 5-foot wide strip of perimeter stabilization may be substituted in lieu of complete site stabilization. *Note: This requirement will take effect starting with applications received on January 1, 2007.*

For more information

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