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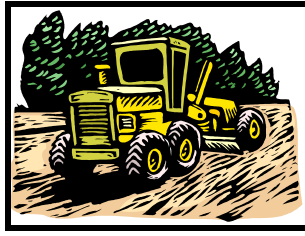
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# **Construction Site Erosion & Sediment Control**

## **Lafayette, Louisiana**

Construction sites are common sources of storm water runoff pollution. Soil and wastes blown, tracked or washed into a street, gutter or storm drain flow directly to Lafayette's bayous. Sediment is the most common pollutant washed from construction sites, creating multiple problems once it enters the storm system.

As a builder, contractor, owner or operator of a site, you are responsible for impacts to the storm system and right-of-way, and damage caused by the possible pollutants from your work site.

We are not only trying to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Lafayette Parish, but also work towards compliance with the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) General Permit. Starting on March 10, 2003, areas that were not previously regulated must work to improve storm water quality. Lafayette is part of this new program and we are working to educate people on the Best Management Practices available to control construction site runoff.

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# Best Management Practices

The following controls can prevent erosion and sediment problems:

- ◆ Preserve existing trees and grass where possible to prevent erosion
- ◆ Revegetate the site as soon as possible
- ◆ Install structural BMPs to trap sediment on the lot. Examples: silt fencing, berms, containment ponds, levees
- ◆ Locate and stabilize soil piles away from any roads or waterway.
- ◆ Control access drive used by all vehicles to limit tracking of mud onto streets. Example: gravel, plank boards
- ◆ Protect storm drains from pollutants. Examples: hay bales, silt fencing, filter berms, vegetation



Any construction site over one acre must have a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan as per the LDEQ storm water regulations.

LCG EQ is available to answer any questions ranging from what can be done to control runoff on individual sites to specific questions about the Louisiana Storm Water Permit.

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## **Additional Information**

### ***LPDES (Storm Water) Permit***

*Louisiana Department of  
Environmental Quality  
225-765-0219*

### ***Storm Water Pollution Prevention***

*Lafayette Consolidated Government  
Environmental Quality Division  
337-291-8529*

### ***Emergency Spill Response (24 hour)***

*Department of Public Safety  
225- 925- 6595*

### ***Construction and Industrial Waste***

*LCG EQ Recycling Division  
291-8529*

### ***Littering***

*1-888-LITRBUG*

