

INFORMATION

For information on nonpoint discharges and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements, please contact:

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PHONE: 768-8102 OR 768-8106**

**CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CLEAN WATER BRANCH
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On the Internet, you can also visit the following:

- Honolulu's Clean Water Program
www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com
- Clean Water Branch, Department of Health (DOH)
www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/water/cleanwater/index.html

Additional information is available in the "Rules Relating to Soil Erosion Standards and Guidelines," which may be purchased at the Honolulu Municipal Bookstore. For bookstore location, hours of operation, pricing, and availability, visit the bookstore's website at <http://www.honolulu.gov/csd/lrmb/pricelist.htm>.

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NOTICE TO ALL OWNER-BUILDER CONTRACTORS AND ALL LICENSED CONTRACTORS

PLEASE KOKUA!

Do your part in preserving our State waters,
Hawaii's most precious resource.

Soil erosion and sedimentation that is caused by construction grading work and other activities may result in violations of Federal, State, or City laws with possible civil and criminal violations. It is incumbent upon landowners and their contractors to become familiar and comply with applicable requirements.



Protect our waters...
FOR LIFE

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
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SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

The Federal Clean Water Act of 1977 recognized that one of the biggest sources of pollution of our State waters and those around the United States comes from soil erosion and sedimentation.

The Clean Water Act set in place regulations to eliminate or reduce soil erosion and sedimentation. Soil erosion and sedimentation are categorized and identified as the “single nonpoint source pollution with the greatest detrimental impact on water quality and the environment.”

Pollution from soil erosion and sedimentation cannot be eliminated entirely as these events occur in the natural environment. However, uncontrolled activities that expose soils to erosion and sedimentation, such as construction grading work and man-made discharges, significantly contribute to the pollution of Hawaii’s waters. With Hawaii’s steep hillsides and sensitive receiving waters, the effect of such “nonpoint” pollutants is apparent with turbid streams and sediment laden coral reefs and shorelines.

Our State waters are a precious resource that provide sustenance to not only Hawaii’s economy, but Hawaii’s culture and heritage as well. It is the responsibility of all who care about Hawaii to do their share to reduce and control soil erosion and sedimentation when doing construction grading work.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Best Management Practices (BMP) are effective and practical methods or means of eliminating or reducing the discharge of pollutants from nonpoint and point sources such as construction sites into our State waters. You are required to use Best Management Practices for your project, and failure to do so may result in heavy penalties, fines, and/or imprisonment.

Best Management Practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Install silt fences or other appropriate measures to control sediment runoff at the perimeter of projects.
2. Provide gravel or stabilized entrances to reduce mud tracking from truck tires.
3. Avoid earthwork during inclement weather.
4. Cover stockpiles.
5. No dumping of trash and debris onto street gutters and into catch basins.
6. No wash water shall drain into street gutter and catch basins, when washing tools and equipment.
7. Plan the construction phasing to reduce exposed ground areas.
8. Grass or mulch the disturbed or exposed areas, as soon as possible.

Inspect and maintain BMPs on a regular basis especially before and after a significant rain event. Keep an updated record of site inspections using checklists and have current NPDES and grading permits available on site.