



DANE COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES

Land Conservation Division

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Erosion Control & Stormwater Management News

Greetings contractors and consultants. This newsletter is a targeted effort to inform you of regulatory and administrative changes to the county's erosion control and stormwater management ordinance. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this information and the permitting requirements of Chapters 11 and 14 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances (DCCO).

Did you know that in addition to the landowner, a contractor can be held accountable for violating the County Ordinance?

We encourage you to contact us with any questions regarding permit applicability and permit requirements. Additional information and technical assistance can also be found at our website.



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What's New in 2010?

New erosion control requirements:

In an effort to reduce stormwater impacts to neighboring properties, Dane County recently amended its erosion control ordinances. The ordinance revisions require that topography near property lines be preserved. The new language contained in DCCO 14.50(3)(d) and 11.05(5)(a) requires that *"the topography within five (5) feet of any property line at the commencement of any development shall remain unchanged."* Some exceptions do exist. Please see the following links for complete ordinance amendment language:

<http://danedocs.countyofdane.com/webdocs/PDF/coboard/OA130910.pdf>

<http://danedocs.countyofdane.com/webdocs/PDF/coboard/OA170910.pdf>

Do You Have an Erosion Control Permit?

Dane County's Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance has been in effect since August of 2002, yet each year we find many sites that begin land disturbing activity without first obtaining an erosion control permit from our office. If you or your business is any way involved in land disturbing activity, it is your responsibility to make sure either you, the landowner, the landowner's agent or the general contractor has obtained the necessary permits prior to disturbing ground. **Any contractor engaged in land disturbing activity without the appropriate permits is subject to citation. The amount of forfeiture is \$641.50.**

If you don't see an erosion control permit card posted, chances are the project hasn't been permitted. For questions regarding permit applicability or issuance please contact our office.

Well and Septic Work

While most well drilling operations and septic repairs or installations cause minimal land disturbance, it's important to note that erosion control permits may still be required. Many times the type of permit required for well and septic work will be dependant on project location. The requirements for obtaining an erosion control permit can be found here:

<http://countyofdane.com/lwr/permit/#kinds>