



DANE COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES

Land Conservation Division

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Erosion Control & Stormwater Management News

Greetings contractors, consultants, and Towns. Our third annual newsletter is a focused effort to inform you of regulatory and administrative changes to the county's erosion control and stormwater management program. 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.

Did you know that there is a 15-working day review period for most permit applications? Please account for this review period in your work scheduling.

Please contact us with any questions regarding permit applicability and permit requirements. Additional information and technical resources can be found on our website.



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What's New in 2012?

Separate Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Permits

In an effort to simplify and expedite permitting, our application process has changed. As of January 1st, 2012, erosion control permits and stormwater management permits must be applied for, and may be issued, independently. This change should result in increased efficiency and on average, reduce the permit application review timeframe. Permit applications have been updated to reflect this policy change. Please check our permitting web page regularly to ensure you are using the most up-to-date applications.

New Universal Soil Loss Equation for Construction Sites

The Universal Soil Loss Equation Excel spreadsheet required for erosion control permit submissions has been updated and is available at: http://www.countyofdane.com/lwr/landconservation/soil_loss.aspx

Improvements to the spreadsheet include allowing dates farther into the future and an automatic calculation of the end date. Future updates are planned along with the eventual roll out of RUSLE2, so check back to the website often.

Do You Have an Erosion Control Permit?

Agricultural Ditch Dredging and Fenceline Clearing

It is a common misconception that all agricultural work is exempt from erosion control permitting. In fact, only tillage for cropping is completely exempt, and other work must be permitted before land disturbing activity begins.

The type of erosion control permit required for ditch dredging and agricultural fence clearing work is dependent on project location, size and scope, as well as cropping history. Shoreland Erosion Control permits must be obtained when land disturbing activity will occur in the Shoreland Zone. Pulling stumps and grubbing are considered land disturbing activity.

The best way to determine whether an erosion control permit is needed is to contact our office at (608) 224-3730 before the project begins.