


CHECKLIST

- Install barriers to prevent soil from leaving the site such as a sediment fence
- Keep a spill kit on the project site on in your vehicle
- Do not remove vegetation anywhere you will not dig. Even weeds prevent soil from moving
- Protect catch basins on the street
- Never stockpile in the street
- Dedicate space to store materials on the building site, not on the street
- Make certain that the site is stable every day before leaving
- Develop an erosion and sediment control plan.


A photograph of a waterfall cascading over rocks in a forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls. The surrounding trees are mostly bare, suggesting a cooler season.

Contact City Hall with any questions



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BUILDING A HOUSE?

DEVELOPING A PIECE OF PROPERTY?

LANDSCAPING A YARD?

A photograph of a house under construction. The wooden frame of the roof and walls is visible against a clear blue sky. Stacks of lumber are in the foreground.

What you Should Know Before You Disturb Soil

THE BACKGROUND

The City of Falls City is required to develop and implement programs to keep local streams clean. Sediment is commonly washed into the storm drain system as the result of building or construction activities. Toxic materials such as mercury bond to soil particles and are carried into local streams. Mercury is then ingested by fish which can make eating too much fish hazardous to human health.

WHAT ARE THE REGULATIONS?

The City of Falls City is in the process of developing an Erosion Control Program as is required by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The program will include an ordinance and enforcement process.

DOES DEQ HAVE A PERMIT ELIMINATION SYSTEM 1200-C REGULATIONS?

YES! If your project is 1 acre or more in size, you MUST obtain a 1200-C permit prior to disturbing soil on site.

Smaller sites may also be subject to DEQ regulations such as single lots associated with a subdivision.

Call before you move soil!
541.686.7930

For information on 1200-C Construction Stormwater Series Permits for general use, view the 1200-C Construction Stormwater Permit - General Use page.

www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/wqpermits/Pages/Stormwater-Construction.aspx



DO YOUR PART TO HELP KEEP OUR STREAMS CLEAN

- Use an absorbent pad to clean up chemical spills such as oil, gasoline, and antifreeze
- Sweep impervious area such as walkways and driveways. Using a hose washes pollutants into the storm drain.
- Contact your local recycling center for instructions on where to take construction debris
- Never pour washwater down storm drains
- Never pour unused chemicals down storm drains
- Store chemicals in leak proof containers

