

**COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
Environmental Health Service**

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DATE: October 24, 2012
TO: Sewage Disposal Contractors and Consultants
FROM: Cheryl Wong, Land Use Program Manager
SUBJECT: Erosion Control

Below are the requirements for erosion control:

Erosion Control:

The County's erosion control ordinance and our septic installation regulations require an adequate level of erosion control during and after any septic system installation. The following requirements should be adhered to, particularly during the rainy season of October 15 through April 15:

1. Minimize the amount of site disturbance. The septic permit does not authorize additional site grading beyond what is necessary to install the system. Any additional grading of pads, terraces, parking areas, etc. must meet Planning Department requirements.
2. Upon completion of the job, restore the site, including stable disposition of excavated material, runoff control and other measures taken to prevent any significant erosion of surfaces disturbed during installation of the system.
3. Any bare soil or fill that results from the installation of a septic system shall be seeded and mulched or otherwise treated to prevent erosion between October 15 and April 15.
4. If rain occurs during the job, temporary erosion control measures such as mulching or silt fencing must be in place in an effective manner to ensure that sediment does not leave the site. Lack of effective erosion control constitutes a violation of both the sewage ordinance (7.38) and the Runoff and Pollution Control Ordinance (Chapter 7.79).
5. EHS staff will not final the septic permit until erosion control measures are in place between October 15 and April 15.
6. The contractor and owner are ultimately responsible for ensuring that erosion control measures are effective during and after the installation. Final approval of the permit does not relieve the owner and contractor of the responsibility to continue to ensure that erosion control measures are adequate and effective.
7. See the attached notes for appropriate erosion control measures. For additional information, contact the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District at 464-2950.