

Construction Site Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual

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Solid Waste Management

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Definition and Purpose

Solid waste management procedures and practices are designed to minimize or eliminate the discharge of pollutants to the drainage system or to water bodies as a result of the creation, stockpiling, or removal of construction site wastes.

Appropriate Applications

Solid waste management procedures and practices are implemented on all construction projects that generate solid wastes.

Solid wastes include but are not limited to:

- Construction wastes including brick, mortar, timber, steel and metal scraps, sawdust, pipe and electrical cuttings, non-hazardous equipment parts, styrofoam and other materials used to transport and package construction materials.
- Highway planting wastes, including vegetative material, plant containers, and packaging materials.
- Litter, including food containers, beverage cans, coffee cups, paper bags, plastic wrappers, and smoking materials, including litter generated by the public.



Limitations

None identified.

Standards and Specifications

Education

The WPC Manager shall oversee and enforce proper solid waste procedures and practices.

Instruct employees and subcontractors on identification of solid waste and hazardous waste.

Educate employees and subcontractors on solid waste storage and disposal procedures.

Hold regular meetings to discuss and reinforce disposal procedures (incorporate into regular safety meetings and tailgate sessions).

Require that employees and subcontractors follow solid waste handling and storage procedures.

Prohibit littering by employees, subcontractors, and visitors.

Wherever possible, minimize production of solid waste materials.

Must comply with Standard specification 14-10 Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling and 13-4 Job Site Handling.

Collection, Storage, and Disposal

Dumpsters of sufficient size and number shall be provided to contain the solid waste generated by the project and be properly serviced. Must ensure that containers are watertight and have a cover.

Littering on the project site shall be prohibited.

To prevent clogging of the storm drainage system, litter and debris removal from drainage grates, trash racks, and ditch lines shall be a priority.

Trash receptacles shall be provided in the Contractor's yard, field trailer areas, and at locations where workers congregate for lunch and break periods.

Construction debris and litter from work areas within the construction limits of the project site shall be collected and placed in watertight dumpsters at least weekly regardless of whether the litter was generated by the Contractor, the public, or others. Collected litter and debris shall not be placed in or next to drain inlets, storm water drainage systems or watercourses.

Full dumpsters shall be removed from the project site and the contents shall be disposed of outside the highway right-of-way in conformance with the provisions in the Standard Specifications Section 14-10 Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling.

Litter stored in collection areas and containers shall be handled and disposed of by trash hauling contractors.

Construction material visible to the public shall be stored or stacked in an orderly manner to the satisfaction of the RE.



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Stormwater run-on shall be prevented from contacting stored solid waste by berms, dikes, or other temporary diversion structures or through the use of measures to elevate waste from site surfaces.

Solid waste storage areas shall be located at least 50 ft. from drainage facilities and watercourses and shall not be located in areas prone to flooding or ponding.

Except during fair weather, construction and highway planting waste not stored in watertight dumpsters shall be securely covered from wind and rain by covering the waste with tarps or plastic sheeting.

Dumpster washout on the project site is not allowed.

Notify trash hauling contractors that only watertight dumpsters are acceptable for use on-site.

Plan for additional containers during the demolition phase of construction.

Plan for more frequent pickup during the demolition phase of construction.

Construction waste shall be stored in a designated area and shown in the WPCDs.

Segregate potentially hazardous waste from non-hazardous construction site waste.

Keep the site clean of litter debris.

Make sure that toxic liquid wastes (e.g., used oils, solvents, and paints) and chemicals (e.g., acids, pesticides, additives, curing compounds) are not disposed of in dumpsters designated for construction debris.

Dispose of non-hazardous waste in accordance with Standard Specification 14-10 Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling.

For disposal of hazardous waste, see BMP WM-6, "Hazardous Waste Management." Have hazardous waste hauled to an appropriate disposal and/or recycling facility.

Salvage or recycle useful vegetation debris, packaging and/or surplus building materials when practical. For example, trees and shrubs from land clearing can be converted into wood chips, then used as mulch on graded areas. Wood pallets, cardboard boxes, and construction scraps can also be recycled.

Maintenance and Inspection

The WPC Manager shall monitor onsite solid waste storage and disposal procedures.

Specific locations for Solid Waste Storage or Containment must be shown in the WPCDs and must be inspected and maintained regularly.

SWPPP or WPCP

Solid Waste Management must be discussed in Section 500.4 of the SWPPP or Section 30.3.2 of the WPCP.



Sanitary and Septic Waste Management





Definition and Purpose

Procedures and practices to minimize or eliminate the discharge of construction site sanitary and septic waste materials to the storm drain system or to receiving waters.

Appropriate Applications

Sanitary/septic waste management practices are implemented on all construction sites that use temporary or portable sanitary and septic waste systems.

Limitations

None identified.

Standards and Specifications

Education

Educate employees, subcontractors, and suppliers on sanitary and septic waste storage and disposal procedures.

Educate employees, subcontractors, and suppliers of potential dangers to humans and the environment from sanitary/septic wastes.

Instruct employees, subcontractors, and suppliers in identification of sanitary/septic waste.

Hold regular meetings to discuss and reinforce disposal procedures (incorporate into regular safety meetings and tailgates).

Establish a continuing education program to indoctrinate new employees.



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Storage and Disposal Procedures

Temporary sanitary facilities shall be located away from drainage facilities, receiving waters, and from traffic circulation.

When subjected to high winds or risk for overtopping, temporary systems must be properly secured.

Wastewater shall not be discharged or buried within the highway right-of-way.

Sanitary and septic systems that discharge directly into sanitary sewer systems, where permissible, shall comply with the local health agency, city, county, and sewer district requirements.

If using an on-site disposal system, such as a septic system, comply with local health agency requirements.

Properly connect temporary sanitary facilities that discharge to the sanitary sewer system to avoid illicit discharges.

Ensure that sanitary and septic facilities are maintained in good working order by a licensed service.

Use only reputable, licensed sanitary/septic waste haulers.

Maintenance and Inspection

Inspect onsite sanitary and septic waste storage and disposal procedures at least weekly, prior to a forecasted rain event, daily during extended rain events and post-storm events.

Locations for portable Santiary Systems must be shown on the WPCDs and reflect current site conditions.

SWPPP or WPCP

Sanitary and Septic Waste Management must be discussed in Section 500.4.2 of the SWPPP or Section 30.3.2 of the WPCP.

