

## STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

OUR COMMON GOAL: CLEAN WATER IN OUR CREEKS AND RIVERS

EVERYONE is responsible to comply with City Storm Water Ordinances and Codes, the City's Storm Water Permits, as well as, State and Federal Laws and Regulations on Storm Water Pollution Prevention.

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### Homeowners and Businesses

- An easy way to remember an objective is: "*Only Rain in the Drain*".
- Do NOT wash soil/dirt into the curb and gutter flow lines or drain inlets.
- Do NOT wash anything directly into the curb and gutter flow lines, Storm Drain Inlets, V-Ditches, Drainage Channels or Swales (including but not limited to soil/dirt, fertilizers, pesticides, lawn clippings, yard waste, oil, paint, chemicals, solvents, detergents, greases, pet waste, pool filters, concrete and litter/trash)
- Do NOT fertilize your lawn right before forecasted rain events.
- Do NOT blow/sweep lawn/yard clippings/waste and leaves into the street and curb and gutter flow lines and drain inlets...(this clogs storm drains, causing flooding and erosion, as well as the organic materials carrying fertilizers, pesticides and other pollutants into the water bodies). Do use your yard waste cans.
- Do properly recycle and dispose of used oil and filters, paint, chemicals, solvents, greases, pet waste, pool filters, concrete, mortar, fertilizers, pesticides, lawn clippings, yard waste, litter/trash.
- Do use bio-degradable/environmentally safe detergents when washing vehicles and equipment in your driveway.
- Do educate yourself and others on Storm Water Pollution Prevention
- Do call the City of Elk Grove hotline to report negligent polluting, illegal dumping to the storm drain system (Drain inlets, curb and gutter flow lines, V-Ditches, Drainage Channels and Swales) 916-687-3005.

If you are going to hire a contractor to do home/yard improvements, pool, spa, patio installations, MAKE SURE:

- Contractors are licensed and professional (verify License number)
- Advise Contractors to stage materials (soil, rock, sod, sand, all construction materials ON your property and properly cover and secure materials).
- Do NOT stage/store materials and storage containers on the side walk, in the curb and gutter flow lines or in the street. If anything must be placed on the sidewalk or street, an

Encroachment Permit is required from the City and appropriate measures to prevent pollution are required.

## **Construction Activities**

All Contractors, subcontractors, and developers are responsible to comply with the City's Storm water Ordinances and Codes, the City's Storm water permits, as well as, State and Federal Laws and Regulations on Storm Water Pollution Prevention

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Requirements:

- If the project disturbs 1 acre of soil or more, or if the project is less than an acre but is part of a larger development, the owner/operator MUST file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the water board and develop a SITE SPECIFIC Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).
- If a project involves the moving of over 350 cubic yards of soil, or alteration of a drainage ditch or channel, a City Grading Permit or approved Improvement Plan is required. Additional state and federal permits may also be required depending on the work planned.
- Recommended references for the development/preparation of SITE SPECIFIC SWPPP or Water Pollution Control Plans (WPCP) include the California Storm Water Quality Association Handbooks (Construction Handbook, Appendix A) [www.cabmphandbooks.com](http://www.cabmphandbooks.com) and the Caltrans Storm Water Manuals at [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/construc/stormwater/stormwater1.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/construc/stormwater/stormwater1.htm)
- Year Round Best Management Practices (BMPs) include, but are not limited to; Tracking controls, perimeter sediment controls, drain inlet protection, wind erosion/dust controls, non-storm water management, and waste management control bmps.
- Rainy Season Requirements for ALL projects are the same as above, as well as installing and maintaining effective temporary erosion control bmps on disturbed soil areas from October 1st through April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Stabilizing all earthen conveyances through construction sites, implementing stockpile bmps are just a few rainy season requirements.
- Contractors, subcontractors, and developers need to educate themselves and each other on storm water pollution prevention requirements, techniques and approaches to implement good site specific plans during ALL construction phases of work with a PRO ACTIVE attitude.

HOUSEKEEPING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. RUN AND KEEP A CLEAN TIGHT SHIP AND STAY IN COMPLIANCE.

## **Enforcement**

Enforcement Actions for General Public will begin with written Warning notices and/or Notice of Corrections. Further enforcement actions will be written Notices of Non-Compliance and or Administrative Citations (fines).

Administrative Citations may be issued in the case of negligent discharge/pollution with fines up to \$5,000.00. Repeat offenders will be referred to the Central Valley Water Control Board. State Regulators can fine up to \$10,000.00 per day and per occurrence and 10 dollars per gallon of potentially impacted water that discharged to the City's storm drain system and or waters of the United States. The EPA can fine up to \$27,500.00 per day and per occurrence for pollutant discharges.

### **Additional Information**

Construction Activities - Phone: 916-687-3048.  
City of Elk Grove Municipal Code – Stormwater

View the City of Elk Grove's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Water Sewer System (MS4) Permit at the Central Valley Water Boards Web Site [www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley) Permit No. CAS082597

Thank you for helping us achieve our goal of CLEAN WATER.