

MERCER COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notes for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

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1. The Mercer County Soil Conservation District shall be notified 48 hours prior to starting land disturbance activity. Notice may be mailed, faxed or emailed to:
MCSCD, 508 Hughes Drive, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
Phone: 609-586-9603 Fax: 609-586-1117 Email: mercersoil@aol.com
2. If applicable to this project, the owner should be aware of his or her obligation to file for a NJPDES Construction Activity Stormwater 5G3 Permit (NJG0088323) via the NJDEP online permitting system (www.nj.gov/dep/online) and to maintain the associated best management practices and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan self-inspection logbook onsite at all times. This permit must be filed prior to the start of soil disturbance. The online application process will require entry of an SCD certification code, which is provided by the Soil Conservation District upon certification of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.
3. The Mercer County Soil Conservation District shall be notified of any changes in ownership.
4. Any changes to the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, including an increase in the limit of disturbance, will require the submission of revised Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans to the District for recertification. The revised plans must meet all current State Soil Erosion & Sediment Control STANDARDS.
5. A copy of the certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control plan shall be maintained on site at all times.
6. All Soil Erosion and Sediment Control practices shall be installed prior to any major soil disturbances, or in their proper sequence as outlined within the Sequence of Construction on the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, and maintained until permanent protection is established.
7. All work shall be done in accordance with the current STANDARDS for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in NJ. If language contained within any other permit for this project is more restrictive than (but not contradictory to) what is contained within these notes or on the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, then the more restrictive permit requirements shall be followed.
8. The Standard for Stabilized Construction Access requires the installation of a 1½" to 2½" clean stone tracking pad at all construction driveways immediately after initial site disturbance, whether identified on the certified plan or not. The width shall span the full width of egress, and length shall be 50 ft. or more, depending on site conditions and as required by the STANDARD. This shall include individual lot access points within residential subdivisions. If the egress is to a County road, then a 20 ft. long paved transition shall be provided between the edge of pavement and the stone access pad.
9. A sub-base course will be applied immediately following rough grading and installation of improvements in order to stabilize streets, roads, driveways and parking areas. In areas where no utilities are present, the sub-base shall be installed within 15 days of preliminary grading, provided that all other requirements related to detention basins, swales and the Sequence of Construction have been met.

10. Any disturbed areas that will be left exposed more than 14 days and not subject to construction activity will immediately receive temporary stabilization. If the season prevents establishment of a temporary vegetative cover, or if the area is not topsoiled, then the disturbed areas will be mulched with straw, or equivalent material, at a rate of two (2) tons per acre, according to State STANDARDS. Sloped areas in excess of 3H:1V shall be provided with erosion control blankets. Critical areas subject to erosion (i.e. steep slopes, roadway embankments, environmentally sensitive areas) will receive temporary stabilization immediately after initial disturbance or rough grading.
11. Any steep slopes (i.e. slopes greater than 3:1) receiving pipeline or utility installation will be backfilled and stabilized daily, as the installation proceeds.
12. Permanent vegetation shall be seeded or sodded on all exposed areas within ten (10) days after final grading and topsoiling. All agronomic requirements contained within the STANDARDS and on the Certified Plan shall be employed. Mulch with binder, in accordance with the STANDARDS, shall be used on all seeded areas. Save all tags and/or bags used for seed, lime and fertilizer, and provide them to the District inspector to verify that mixtures and rates meet the STANDARDS.
13. At the time when the site preparation for permanent vegetative stabilization is going to be accomplished, any soil that will not provide a suitable environment to support adequate vegetative ground cover, shall be removed or treated in such a way that will permanently adjust the soil conditions and render it suitable for vegetative ground cover. If the removal or treatment of the soil will not provide suitable conditions, then non-vegetative means of permanent ground stabilization will have to be employed.
14. During the course of construction, soil compaction may occur within haul routes, staging areas and other project areas. In accordance with the Standard for Topsoiling, compacted surfaces should be scarified 6" to 12" immediately prior to topsoil application. This will help ensure a good bond between the topsoil and subsoil. This practice is permissible only where there is no danger to underground utilities (cables, irrigation systems, etc.).
15. Prior to seeding, topsoil shall be worked to prepare a proper seedbed. This shall include raking of the topsoil and removal of debris and stones, along with other requirements of the Standard for Permanent Vegetative Cover for Soil Stabilization.
16. In accordance with the STANDARD for Management of High Acid Producing Soils, any soil having a pH of 4 or less or containing iron sulfides shall be buried with limestone in accordance with the STANDARD and be covered with a minimum of 12" of soil having a pH of 5 or more prior to topsoil application and seedbed preparation. If the area is to receive tree or shrub plantings, or is located on a slope, then the area shall be covered with a minimum of 24" of soil having a pH of 5 or more.
17. Mulching to the STANDARDS is required for obtaining a Conditional Report of Compliance. Conditional ROC's are only issued when the season prohibits seeding. Permanent stabilization must then be completed during the optimum seeding season immediately following the Conditional ROC, or the completion of work in a given area.

18. Hydroseeding is a two-step process. The first step includes seed, fertilizer, lime, etc., along with minimal amounts of mulch to promote consistency, good seed-to-soil contact, and give a visual indication of coverage. Upon completion of the seeding operation, hydromulch should be applied at a minimum rate of 1500 lbs. per acre in second step. The use of hydro-mulch, as opposed to straw, is limited to optimum seeding dates as listed in the STANDARDS. The use of Hydromulch on sloped areas is discouraged.
19. The contractor is responsible for keeping all adjacent roads clean during life of the construction project. All sediment washed, dropped, tracked or spilled onto paved surfaces shall be immediately removed.
20. The developer shall be responsible for remediating any erosion or sediment problems that arise as a result of ongoing construction, and for employing additional erosion and sediment control measures at the request of the Mercer County Soil Conservation District.
21. Conduit Outlet Protection must be installed at all required outfalls prior to the drainage system becoming operational.
22. All detention / retention basins must be fully constructed (inclusive of all structural components and liners) and permanently stabilized prior to paving or prior to the addition of any impervious surfaces. Permanent stabilization includes, but may not be limited to: topsoil, seed, straw mulch and binders or erosion control blankets on all seeding, all agronomic requirements as specified on the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, installation of the outflow control structures and discharge storm drainage piping, low flow channels, conduit outlet protection, emergency spillways, and lap ring protection.
23. The riding surface of all utility trenches within paved areas shall be 3/4" clean stone or base pavement until such time as final pavement has been installed. Temporary soil riding surfaces are prohibited.
24. All construction dewatering (trenches, excavations, etc.) must be done through an inlet or outlet filter in accordance with the Standard for Dewatering or as depicted on the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. Discharge locations for the dewatering operation must contain perennial vegetation or similar stable surface.
25. All swales or channels that will receive runoff from paved surfaces must be permanently stabilized prior to the installation of pavement. If the season prohibits the establishment of permanent stabilization, the swales or channels may be temporarily stabilized in accordance with the STANDARDS.
26. NJSA 4:24-39 et seq. requires that no Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy be issued by the Municipality before the provisions of the Certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan have been satisfied. Therefore, all site work for site plans and all work around individual lots in subdivisions must be completed before the District issues a Report of Compliance or Conditional Report of Compliance, which must be forwarded to the Municipality prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, respectively.