

A-27: Clearing and Grading of Land for Small Construction Projects

Potential pollutants can include but are not limited to hydrocarbons, metals, nutrients, oil and grease, oxygen demanding substances, PCBs, and sediment.

Best management practices (BMPs) are required by King County Water Quality Code (KCC 9.12). If the BMPs included here are not enough to prevent contamination of stormwater, you will be required to take additional measures.

Required BMPs

- King County Permitting coordinates the clearing, grading, and erosion control requirements on individual sites. Contact Permitting prior to clearing, grading, and preparation activities for construction-sites greater than 2,000 square feet.
- Even if your site does not require a permit, erosion control measures are still required to prevent turbid water from entering stormwater drainage systems or surface waters.
- Follow the procedures for construction-site erosion and sediment control outlined in the *King County Surface Water Design Manual*:
 - Appendix C: Small Project Drainage Requirements
 - Appendix D: Erosion and Sediment Control Standards

Additional Information

- [*King County Surface Water Design Manual*](#)

For more information or assistance contact the King County Stormwater Services at 206-477-4811 and visit kingcounty.gov/stormwater.