

## Permits for New Homes

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When construction of a home begins, the builder must obtain a permit from our office to protect the environment from soil erosion.

This permit and responsibility for maintaining erosion control measures transfer to the homeowner until the lot has permanent grass.

If a home had a permit as part of the building process, the new homeowner should receive a permit transfer form at closing. The homeowner must maintain or install controls to prevent soil from eroding off the site.



## Checklist

- A permit is issued for building construction.
- The permit is transferred to the homeowner.
- Soil erosion protections are installed to keep soil on the property.
- Erosion controls are maintained until vegetation is established.
- Permanent landscaping is installed.
- The permit renewal is paid until the permit is closed by our office.

# What is the Homeowner's Responsibility?



## **Maintaining a temporary silt fence or sod filter around the lot**

These controls must remain in place until grass is established. If they are removed for other projects, they must be reinstalled at the end of each day.

## **Establishing vegetation as quickly as possible**

If the timing, budget or season is not appropriate for seeding or sod, install additional controls, such as mulch or other vegetative material to prevent soil loss. A silt fence must be maintained during winter.

## **Redirecting your downspout to keep rainwater off bare soil**

Using flexible plastic pipe that directs water away from bare soil will prevent erosion.



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