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

Stormwater runoff (rainwater and snow melt) is the largest source of pollution to our lakes, streams and Puget Sound. King County requires businesses to implement measures to protect our shared waters. If the requirements below do not prevent pollution, additional measures are necessary.

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

- Potential pollutants can include: hydrocarbons—such as gasoline and diesel, metals, nutrients, oil and grease, oxygen demanding substances, PCBs, and sediment.
- *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.