



## The Borough of Darby

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### **TO OBTAIN A PERMIT YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS**

1. Application Must be completely filled out
2. Plot plans must be attached (if Required)
3. **Any new Construction or Building modifications require drawings which are signed and sealed by a registered Engineer and signed and sealed that they have been review By PA Dept of L&I or Certified Agency for Accessibility Review**
4. A copy of the signed contract from the contractor with description of work being performed along with the price of the job.
5. **Any Electrical work will require the applicant to obtain a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party electrical inspector/engineer who will certify the work with a UL Certificate sticker on the breaker box indicating the work was inspected and certified.**
6. **Any property owner who is going to do the work himself or herself will need to submit a letter indicating that they understand they will be responsible for any damage caused by the work they are doing to any other property or person will be there responsibility. They will also be responsible to insure that all sub contractors hired on the work site have the proper insurance coverage.**

**Any contractor or property owner found engaging in any work on a property in the Borough of Darby without a permit will be asked to cease work Immediately and Apply for a permit at once. In cases where work was started before permits were issued all fee's will be doubled and possible citations being issued to contractor and property Owner. The permit must be displayed on the job site in Plan view so any borough official can see it.**

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**BOROUGH OF DARBY  
DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**PERMIT APPLICATION**

Blacktop \_\_\_ Building \_\_\_ Concrete \_\_\_ Deck \_\_\_ Demolition \_\_\_ Electrical \_\_\_ HVAC \_\_\_  
Plumbing \_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_ Siding \_\_\_ Sign \_\_\_ Windows \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_ FireProtection \_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Work \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you the owner \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

PropertyOwnersName \_\_\_\_\_

Property OwnersAddress \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_

Inspection Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Occupancy \_\_\_\_\_

Does application result from a Volation notice \_\_\_\_\_ Starting Date \_\_\_\_\_

Are Plans Submitted Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Total estimated Cost of Job \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of work: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my Knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Official Use only

Approve \_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Code Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Stormwater and the Construction Industry

## Protect Natural Features



Bad

Good

- Minimize clearing.
- Minimize the amount of exposed soil.
- Identify and protect areas where existing vegetation, such as trees, will not be disturbed by construction activity.
- Protect streams, stream buffers, wild woodlands, wetlands, and other sensitive areas from any disturbance of construction activity by fencing or otherwise clearly marking these areas.

## Silt Fencing



Bad

Good

- Install and maintain silt fences after each rainstorm.
- Make sure the bottom of the silt fence is buried in the ground.
- Securely attach the material to the stakes.
- Don't place silt fences in the middle of a driveway or use them as a check dam.
- Make sure stormwater is not flowing around the silt fence.

## Construction Phasing



Bad

Good

- Sequence construction activities so that the soil is not exposed for long periods of time.
- Schedule or limit grading to small areas.
- Install key sediment control practices before site grading begins.
- Schedule site stabilization activities, such as landscaping, to be completed immediately after the final has been graded to its final contour.

## Vegetative Buffers



Bad

Good

- Protect and install vegetative buffers along waterbodies to slow and filter stormwater runoff.
- Maintain buffers by mowing or replanting periodically to ensure their effectiveness.

## Site Stabilization



Bad

Good

- Remove, smother, or otherwise stabilize all exposed areas as soon as final alterations have been completed.

# Maintain your BMPs!

[www.epa.gov/npdes/memufbmps](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/memufbmps)

## Construction Entrances



Bad

Good

- Remove mud and dirt from the tires of construction vehicles before they enter a paved roadway.
- Properly slope entrance BMPs for all anticipated vehicles.
- Make sure that the construction entrance does not become buried in soil.

## Slopes

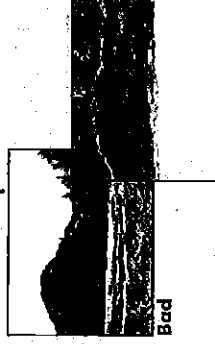


Bad

Good

- Rough grade or terrace slopes.
- Break up long slopes with sediment basins, or under drains, or direct stormwater away from slopes.

## Dirt Stockpiles



Bad

Good

- Cover or seed all dirt stockpiles.

## Storm Drain Inlet Protection



Bad

Good

- Use rock or other appropriate material to cover the storm drain inlet to filter out trash and debris.
- Make sure the rock size is appropriate (usually 1 to 2 inches in diameter).
- If you use filter filters, maintain them regularly.

## Urban Stormwater Runoff Issues and Solutions

### Use a Rain Barrel

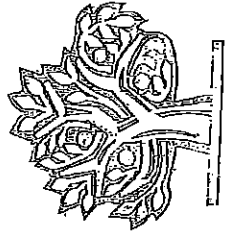
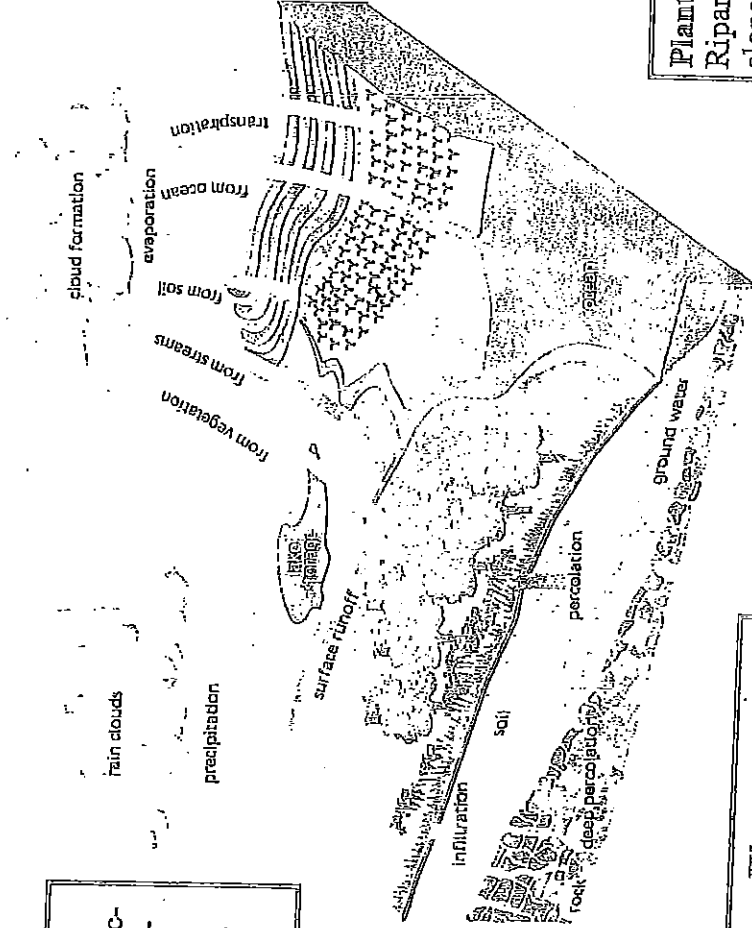
Rain Barrels capture and store rain, making it available for watering gardens, washing cars, and other activities that you would use your hose for. The collected rainwater is used in place of your utility or well water, therefore reducing costs. The stored rainwater will not contribute to stormwater runoff, which causes flooding and carries pollutants to our streams.

### Pick Up After Your Dog

Pet waste can contribute nutrients and bacteria to our streams. In drinking water areas, the bacteria can form algae which is costly to treat. These costs can be passed on to you!



## The Hydrologic Cycle



### Minimize Lawn Chemicals

Stormwater can carry pesticides and herbicides into the stream. Try natural lawn care methods instead of chemicals. If using chemicals, make sure to follow directions, and do not apply when the forecast is calling for rain.



### Only Rain in the Drain

Never put anything into storm sewers, including oil, paint, soap, debris, leaves, etc. Storm sewers do not go to the sewer plant but discharge directly to our streams. You might be pouring oil into your drinking water!

### Plant Native Trees and Shrubs

Riparian buffers are the vegetated areas alongside streams. They are an important part of the natural ecosystem and vital to the health of streams and their organisms including fish, plants and other aquatic organisms.

### Properly Dispose of Hazardous Waste

Do not dump anything down stormdrains, they drain directly to the creek! Check with your township for the location of a hazardous waste pickup site or visit [www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html)

# Don't Let Storm Water Run Off With Your Money and Our Community!

What Builders need to know about managing Storm Water in Darby Borough in Darby Creek and Cobbs Creek and their tributaries

The construction industry plays an important role in improving our community's quality of life by protecting our streams and rivers through smart business practices that prevent pollution from leaving construction sites. Here's what you need to do:

1. Comply with storm water permit requirements.
2. Practice erosion control and pollution prevention practices to keep construction sites "clean."
3. Conduct advance planning and training to ensure control measures are well maintained.

## Permit Requirement for Construction Activity

- Pennsylvania's Erosion and Sediment Control Pollution Program (25 Pa. Code, Chapter 102) requires Erosion and Sediment Control Plans for all earth disturbance activities. The Delaware County Conservation District approves these plans for Darby Borough.
- The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program (25 Pa. Code, Chapter 92) requires that construction activities disturbing greater than one acre submit a Notice of Intent for coverage under a general NPDES permit. Contact the DEP Southeast Region Office.

## Planning is Nice, But...

You're carefully laid plans and permit compliance will be quickly undone without training and supervision. If you don't make regular inspections of your controls, you can't expect your employees to take it seriously – and that leads to violations which could hit you in the wallet.

- Teach people to treat the storm water controls like they would any other tool of their trade. If it's well maintained it will function properly.
- Don't allow a "shortcut" mentality. If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing right.

## What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what are commonly known as storm sewers. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

## Erosion Control and Pollution Prevention Practices

- Perimeter controls (e.g. silt fence)
- Sediment traps
- Immediate revegetation
- Phased, minimized grading
- Construction entrance
- Protection of streams and drainage ways
- Inlet protection
- Fueling and vehicle maintenance away from streams
- Remove trash and litter
- Clean up leaks immediately
- Never wash down dirty pavement.
- Place dumpsters under cover
- Dispose of all wastes properly

For more information

Darby Borough 610-586-1102

Delaware County Conservation District 610-892-9484

[www.delcocd.org](http://www.delcocd.org)

PA Handbook of Best Management Practices for Developing Areas

[www.pacd.org/products/bmp/bmp\\_handbook.html](http://www.pacd.org/products/bmp/bmp_handbook.html)

Storm Water Manager's Resource Center

[www.stormwatercenter.net](http://www.stormwatercenter.net)

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection 484-250-5970

[www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) Keyword: Stormwater