

# East Baton Rouge Parish **STORMWATER INSPECTIONS**

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## Important Notes

- ◆ The builder/contractor is responsible for BMP's negatively impacted by utility installers.
- ◆ Home Builders Association will help facilitate builders/developers and utilities discussion to address the negative impact on sites.
- ◆ Inspection will not be failed due to runoff from another site. If BMP is listed in the document – inspectors will know what is being attempted.
- ◆ When certificate of occupancy is obtained by owner, inspectors will no longer contact builder for issues with stabilization.

## Site Preparation:

- ◆ Prepping a site is the first step with the goal of eliminating runoff throughout the construction phase.
- ◆ Document all BMP's in SWPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan).
- ◆ **BMPs** (Best Management Practices):
  - **Silt Fencing:** Aesthetics have nothing to do with water passing through. The erosion control must work. Silt fences must filter the water, not stop water. Water goes through it not under it. Where is the water running on the site? That is what needs to be controlled. It will depend on your site. You should not fail a stormwater inspection because the aesthetics of your silt fence. Is the erosion control working?
  - **Sod:** No magic number for sod, the lot needs to be stabilized. Hydroseed, or seed and temp grass mat are acceptable and should be noted in SWPPP. Grass vegetation is always a great option if possible.
  - **Angular aggregate:** The largest stone you can get that is angular, that takes mud off the tires, so it doesn't get in the street. Keep mud on site not in street. It was suggested that you can reuse the rock for other sites after washing off.
  - **Entry:** You must do a size of entry that is reasonable based on the site size instead of doing the measurements that are stated. It depends on the site and acknowledging

## Maintenance

- ◆ Keep mud on site not tracked to streets on vehicle tires.
- ◆ Whatever inlet protection is used must be maintained. If appropriate and effective erosion controls on the lot, then inlet protection may not be necessary.
- ◆ Update SWPPP if any corrections/changes were made to BMPs.

## Inspection Priorities

*Initial Storm Water Inspection* – This inspection is scheduled to take place at the same time as the plumbing rough in inspection. It can be requested at an earlier date if the site is ready for the inspection. If the inspection does not pass, it will typically automatically schedule a re-inspection for three days later. If the corrections are made sooner than that and you would like it inspected prior to the three days, please try to schedule it. If you are told that your request cannot be accommodated, please reach out to Blake Steiner or Mike Wich to find a way to accommodate the request. The site should be in compliance, but the department does not want the foundation inspection to be delayed if you are ready for it. Again, reach out to Blake Steiner or Mike Wich to work out a solution that keeps the project moving forward.

*Final Storm Water Inspection* – This inspection is scheduled to take place at the same time as the building final. The department understands the challenges of obtaining sod but there are other solutions that will qualify as “permanent stabilization”. The department understands that your clients have closing deadlines that are important to them and you. If you are running into difficulties satisfying this final inspection, please reach out to Blake Steiner or Mike Wich for help to figure out a way to achieve compliance while still allowing the closing to happen in an acceptable timeframe.

*Additionally*, as we all know, the goal is for the project to always maintain stormwater compliance. However, if an inspector sees issues that need to be resolved, they should not be failing a building code inspection, they should be completing a separate storm water inspection. If a building code inspection is failed for only storm water related issues, please make Blake Steiner or Mike Wich aware of the issue so they can get it resolved.