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## Erosion Control Requirements

1. All grading plans and building site surveys will be reviewed for effectiveness of erosion control measures in the context of the site topography and drainage. If plans or surveys do not specify erosion control, these measures will be described on the plans or surveys by the City's Building Inspection Department based on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's "Best Management Practices." Plans and surveys with erosion control specified are then returned with the permits.
2. Silt fence is required to control erosion on all sites and requirements are as follows:
  - The builder is responsible for properly installing erosion control within 5 days of excavation or immediately after backfill of the foundation. **If the required erosion control is not installed within 24 hours after backfill of the foundation, a stop work order will be issued until erosion control measures meet City requirements.**
  - A permit card shall be posted on the job site.
  - The City inspector will perform follow-up inspections on a regular basis to insure erosion control measures are properly installed. The builder is responsible to maintain the silt fence during the construction process.
  - The City inspector or engineer will retain the right to require additional silt fence at any time to ensure that erosion does not occur.
  - Hay bales will be required when the ground is frozen as determined by the City. Silt fence shall be installed in the spring when the frost is out as determined by the City. If silt fence is not installed correctly after an inspection by the City in the spring, it will be installed at the builder's expense. Costs associated with having silt fence installed will be subtracted from the contractors grading deposit.
3. Temporary rock entrances are required on every construction site and are required after backfilling of foundation. Requirements for temporary rock entrances are as follows:
  - Installation of rock entrances will be required after backfill of the foundation. If the rock entrance is not installed immediately after backfilling, a stop work order will be given until the rock driveway is installed. Rock driveways will also be required during the winter months after backfill of the foundation.
4. In cases where builders are in noncompliance with erosion control, the City will issue stop work orders until erosion control measures meet City specifications.
5. Streets should be cleaned and swept whenever tracking of sediments occurs and before sites are left idle for weekends and holidays. If streets are not clean, the City will arrange for a private contractor to clean streets and will bill the charges accordingly.

**Questions and comments may be directed to the City of Cannon Falls Public Works Department at 507.263.4626 or 507.263.3954.**

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