# **Stop Erosion in its Tracks to Keep Our Waters Clean**

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**What can you do?**

* Find out if you need a Construction General Permit.
* Contact the Conservation Commission before you disturb the soil.
* Pick a combination of erosion and sediment controls that work for your site.
* This includes practices that protect natural landscape features, like streams and wetlands, and stabilize soil.
* You will also need to use practices to protect and maintain silt fences, storm drain inlets, and construction entrances.

**Why is this necessary?**

* Water that falls on your construction site either soaks into the ground or runs off into storm drains.
* Water and pollution that goes into storm drains eventually ends up in lakes, rivers, and streams.
* Once these pollutants reach waterways, they can harm fish and other wildlife. They can even make our water unsafe to drink.
* Most importantly, allowing polluted runoff to leave your site and enter a storm drain or waterway is against the law.

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