

What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. This increases the volume of water discharged which can cause flooding as well as increasing pollutants in our surface waters.



Cannon River

Runoff collected by catch basins in our City streets discharges to the Cannon and Straight Rivers. Pollutants such as sand, gravel, leaves, grass clippings, and garbage discharge directly into rivers and lakes without treatment.



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Stormwater pollution prevention begins with you!

Stormwater Quality

Construction Site Runoff Control



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With the acceptance of the City of Faribault as a regulated stormwater discharger, it is required by the state and federal governments to develop and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). The Program is designed to reduce stormwater pollution to the maximum extent practicable over the next five years.

One of the ways to accomplish this goal is through the promotion of construction site erosion and sedimentation controls. Uncontrolled stormwater runoff from construction sites can significantly impact rivers, lakes, ponds and wetlands. Sediment in waterbodies from construction sites can reduce the amount of sunlight reaching aquatic plants, clog fish gills, smother aquatic habitat and spawning areas, and impede navigation.



Erosion and Sediment Controls

Erosion control blanket used to protect the ditch bottom from erosion and helps with seed germination. The silt fence is being used as culvert inlet protection. This keeps sediments in the ditch rather than offsite.



Failed Sediment Control

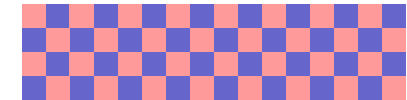
Runoff from large site undercut installed silt fence used as perimeter control. Runoff entered an existing ravine causing offsite erosion and sedimentation. Corrected by constructing a temporary sediment pond with a controlled outlet to ensure runoff was treated before discharge.

City of Faribault's Erosion and Sediment Control Program

The City of Faribault's Erosion and Sediment Control Program will consist of many aspects including:

- An existing Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance requiring adequate Best Management Practices (BMPs) to keep sediments onsite. BMPs consist of silt fence, stabilized vehicle entrances to minimize tracking, inlet protection to keep sediment out of catch basins, disc anchored mulch, street sweeping, etc.
- Site plan review process for adequate erosion and sediment controls.
- The Ordinance requires the developer/contractor to apply for a City issued Grading Permit for sites with a disturbance of equal to or greater than one acre.
- Builders on single lots which are part of a larger Common Plan of Development are required to follow the Ordinance and Grading Permit.

- An inspection and enforcement program to ensure compliance with the Ordinance, Grading Permit and state issued construction permit.
- Procedures to receive and consider information submitted by the public regarding construction site erosion and sediment control issues.



For more information on implementation timelines for Construction Site Runoff Control efforts see SWPPP document on the City Website @ www.faribault.org, at City Hall or contact:

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For complete requirements of the City Grading Permit or Construction Site Runoff Control view the Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance on the City Website.



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