

Construction sites and stormwater permits

Does your project need MPCA construction stormwater coverage?

You need permit coverage if you are the owner or operator for any construction activity disturbing:

- One acre or more of soil
- Less than one acre of soil, if that activity is part of a larger "common plan of development or sale" that covers more than one acre
- Any amount of soil where the MPCA determines the activity poses a risk to water resources.

Common plan of development or sale

A common plan of development or sale – such as a subdivision, phased project, or combination of construction activities – is an area where multiple, contiguous, separate land-disturbing activities may happen on different schedules, but under one proposed plan.

"One proposed plan" can refer to several things, including (but not limited to):

- Plats or blueprints
- Contracts
- Building permits
- Advertisements
- Physical demarcation (boundary signs, lot stakes, surveyor markings, etc.)

Examples of common plan of development activities that require permit coverage



Building on one 0.30-acre lot in a 30-acre development



Building on 12 lots in a 30-acre development

Check if you need construction stormwater subdivision registration from the MPCA before construction begins. If a portion of a permitted project is sold, such as a single lot in a residential development, use the [subdivision registration form](#) to transfer permit coverage to the new owner/contractor. This process allows a single permit covering an entire site to be broken up or “subdivided” to cover many different builders and sites.

For more information visit www.pca.state.mn.us/water/construction-stormwater. For technical assistance, please contact the construction stormwater inspector for your region.