



EROSION CONTROL NOTICE

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The Town of Grafton is an NR216 community. NR216 is a state-mandated program that requires the Town of Grafton to regulate erosion control and stormwater runoff in the Town. You can learn more about NR216 by going to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/>

The Town of Grafton also has a set of regulations that helps it enforce NR216. This ordinance may be found in the Town of Grafton Code of Ordinances Title 7, Chapter 15. Copies are available on the Town's website or for purchase at the Town Hall.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

As a new homeowner, you may be interested in landscaping your lawn, or performing some other type of earth-moving activity. Many of these activities are regulated by the Town. Please contact the Town's erosion control specialist if you are completing any of the following activities, or if you think your home may need an erosion control permit:

- Landscaping activities – such as grading your yard to put in trees, shrubs, plants, lawn seed, sod, etc.
- Constructing a pond, pool or creating a wetland scrape.
- Constructing a berm.
- Other cutting or filling activities.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO GET A PERMIT?

Contact the Town Engineer, Kristen Lundeen, at 262-643-9006 or kristen.lundeen@bonestroo.com. She will help you determine if a permit is needed, and if so, send you the proper application. Please note the following filing fees:

- 1 acre to 25 acres disturbance = \$200.00
- Greater than 25 acres of disturbance = \$500.00
- Escrow (for application review and inspection) = \$1,000

HOW SOON CAN I EXPECT TO RECEIVE MY PERMIT?

A review will be completed within ten (10) days of the submittal. If not enough information has been provided, the erosion control inspector may require more detail prior to issuing the permit. Please note that no landscaping activities may take place until after the permit is issued.

HOW LONG IS MY PERMIT GOOD FOR?

The permit expires one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of issuance.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY PROJECT IS NOT DONE WITHIN 180 DAYS?

Contact the Town's erosion control specialist. You may file for an extension of your erosion control permit, which may include an additional permitting fee.

IS THERE ANY INSPECTION INVOLVED WITH THE PERMIT?

Yes, NR216 outlines when the Town must inspect a site. Generally your site will be inspected at least once a week, as well as after every rainfall.

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR THESE INSPECTIONS?

Yes. The Town requires a \$1,000 escrow at the time of the application. The erosion control specialist bills on an hourly basis, and will charge time to your project. Hourly rates for the inspections range from \$50-\$110/hour. Time will be charged both for the inspection and for writing a detailed report for the Town files. Once your project is completed, the remaining escrow will be refunded to you.

WHEN IS MY PROJECT COMPLETE?

By definition, your project is complete when all construction activities have been completed and the area has been 70% established. That means grass or other plants must be growing on the majority of your land.

HOW DO I REACH 70% ESTABLISHMENT?

This is dependent upon the time of year that you start your project.

Spring/Summer: After the ground has been disturbed, by tilling for example, the surface should be seeded or sodded within 7 days. Please note that in order to be established, the grass must actually take root. With the clay soils in the Town, this may require daily watering for several weeks.

Fall/Winter: If the ground is not frozen and the lawn can be planted, follow the same directions as if the project was started in the spring/summer. However, if it is too late in the year for grass or plants to grow, the site must still be protected. There are many ways that the ground can be protected until the spring:

- Hydroseed the area.
- Spread a dormant seed and cover the area with mulch.
- Contact the erosion control specialist for site-specific options.

WHAT IF MY PROJECT IS ESTABLISHED AND I HAVE NOT RECEIVED MY REFUND?

Contact the erosion control specialist. If the specialist is in agreement that the project is complete, he will contact the Town regarding the remaining invoicing. Within the next billing cycle, the remaining funds will be available.

Please note that there are times that the site may appear to be completed, but by the definitions outlined in NR216, additional erosion control is required.