Construction materials such as paint, dirt and trash often find their way into our storm drains, polluting the environment and jeopardizing Greenville’s surrounding recreational waters and quality of life.

Greenville County is working with contractors to implement what are known as Best Management Practices (BMPs) on all construction sites. That is, methods used to keep pollution out of our storm drains and off County property, such as sidewalks, streets, parkways and alleys. Carrying out and maintaining these BMPs on the construction site is critical to protecting our receiving waters.

The following is a list of BMPs and pollution prevention measures that shall be implemented at all construction sites:

• Conduct daily site cleanings
• Develop spill response and containment procedures
• Educate employees and subcontractors about BMPs
• Develop an erosion control plan for wind and rain
• Regularly maintain all BMPs at project site

A permit is required when an encroachment is desired for any reason within the Right–of–Way (ROW) of a Greenville County maintained road.

Licensed and bonded contractors/subcontractors or utility companies shall be required to perform all work in on, under (cutting or boring a road) or over roadways.

The Enforcement Program was established to ensure that all businesses operate in compliance with all appropriate storm water laws and other County requirements. Contractors, site supervisors and property owners can be held responsible for violations, which may lead to a civil penalty of up to $7500 per day and reimbursing the County for all expenses associated with clean up.

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SITE OVERVIEW

Protecting clean air and clean water improves our quality of life and preserves the local environment for our children and future generations.

Unintentional spills at work sites can flow into storm drains and pollute our streams and rivers. These spills are prohibited by law.

The following drawing illustrates Best Management Practices (BMPs) that must be used at all construction sites in the County to protect storm drains and minimize pollution.

PAINT & STUCCO

All paint and stucco materials stored on the site must be contained and covered, it is illegal for contractors to wash out paint brushes in the street or dump any residues in the sewer or the storm drain. Paint brushes and spray guns shall be washed/cleaned out into a hazardous materials drum or back into its original container and disposed of properly.

PERIMETER CONTROLS

Silt fence is acceptable perimeter control and shall be used to surround the entire site. Avoid running over perimeter controls with vehicles or heavy equipment, as they can damage the materials. Keep extra absorbent materials and/or a wet/dry vacuum on site to quickly pick up unintended spills. Sites must also be checked and maintained daily.

BUILDING MATERIALS & STAGING AREAS

Construction materials should be stored on site at all times and not in the right of way. The right of way is generally 16’ from the face of the curb to the private property line. Building materials should always be covered when not in use to prevent run-off caused by wind or rain.

CONCRETE TRUCKS & PUMPERS

Pumpers should be surrounded by perimeter controls, such as gravel bags, sand bags or straw when in use. Residual materials must be cleaned up as well.

WASHOUT AREA

The disposal of “wet” construction materials should be handled in the washout area. This includes paint, stucco and concrete. Use a sand berm and top to collect evaporation and prevent run-off in nearby areas. The washout area must be checked and maintained daily to ensure compliance.

DIRT & GRADING

Mounds of dirt or gravel should be stored on site and sprayed daily with water to prevent excessive dust. These materials should also be covered each day with a tarp, coconut mat or other form of protection. Tarps must be available and on site to cover 125% of exposed areas during the rainy season (March – August).

EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT

All earthmoving equipment should be stored on site. Maintenance should also be conducted on the site, and tracks and trails left by equipment leading to and from the site should be cleaned up immediately.

STORM DRAINS

Storm drains must be protected at all times with perimeter controls, such as sand bags, gravel, silt fence or block.

DUMPSTER

Always cover dumpsters with a rollback tarp. Areas around dumpsters should be swept daily. Perimeter controls should also surround dumpsters. Dumpsters must be moved out of the right of way onto the site or driveway.

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