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Site Planning

THE OVERALL PRINCIPLE IS TO STOP EROSION FROM OCCURRING AND SEDIMENT LEAVING YOUR SITE. HOWEVER, THIS REQUIRES CAREFUL PLANNING AND FORETHOUGHT. THE WAY YOU RUN YOUR BUILDING SITE CAN HAVE A LARGE IMPACT ON THE AMOUNT OF POLLUTION IN STORMWATER RUN-OFF.

When planning the site layout, building location and earthworks, it is possible to make sure control devices don't interfere with the building process.

- Safely secure the site from unauthorised access.
- Install stabilised access points.
- Manage how stormwater moves onto your site. Water may need to be diverted around the worksite. This diversion should not move water onto neighbouring properties.

- Manage how stormwater moves around and off your worksite. Treat stormwater so only clean water leaves your worksite.
- Controls need to be installed correctly and maintained.
- Avoid stripping or excavation until you are ready to build.
- Minimise reshaping of the land, and compact any fill you are using.
- Allow for temporary revegetation for large areas of bare soil.
- Manage your construction materials onsite. Keep them within the sediment fence, cover them to reduce loss and remove all excess material from the site on completion of the work.
- Do not, at any time, wash or blow material from roads and accessways into the stormwater system. Sweep! This includes grass clippings as well as soil, mud, concrete slurry and other material.