

Your Building Site

The Whitsunday Regional Council has developed a number of erosion and sediment control fact sheets to assist in its goal to protect, enhance and promote its natural assets. Soil erosion, sediment and litter from building sites can be major sources of stormwater pollution and can cause significant harm to our sensitive marine environments like the Great Barrier Reef.

Introduction

These fact sheets provide a practical tool to best management practices to minimise stormwater pollution from building sites. They are designed to help people involved in the building industry comply with their statutory environmental duties and avoid large fines. By following the advice from these fact sheets, you will be doing your part to ensure that our sensitive marine environments like the Great Barrier Reef and other waterways are protected from stormwater pollution.

In total there are 10 fact sheets, which provide practical examples of recommended control measures:

1. Introduction
2. Erosion and sediment control on residential building sites
3. Erosion control
4. Sediment control
5. Drainage control
6. Building operations
7. Storage of materials on hard surfaces
8. Grouped building lots
9. Erosion and sediment control daily site checklist
10. Erosion and sediment control plans

For copies of these fact sheets, please phone Whitsunday Regional Council on (07) 4945 0200 or visit the website www.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au

What can happen if you do not prevent sediment or other pollutants leaving your property?

You will be polluting our creeks, rivers, the Coral Sea and the Great Barrier reef, and could be liable for on-the-spot fines of up to \$8,835. Council officers regularly visit new and existing home-sites to ensure adequate stormwater pollution controls are in place. Always take precautions to prevent polluted stormwater run-off from leaving your property.



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