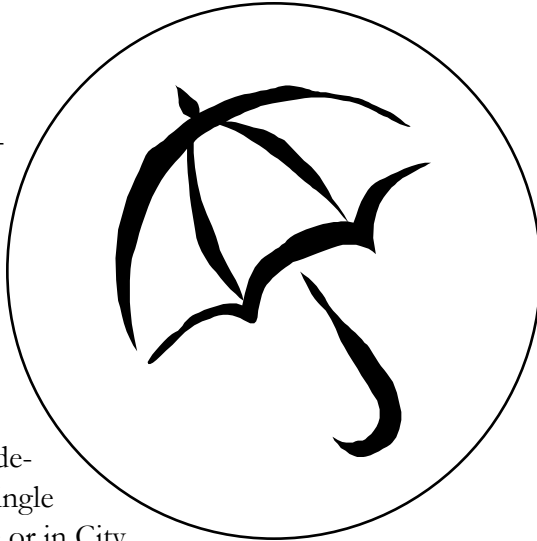


Stormwater Management & Tree Preservation Guidelines

City Code Section 11.55 was adopted on February 7, 2006. Within the new City Code section are guidelines for establishing the need for applying for a Land Alteration Permit. However, if a Land Alteration Permit is not required, there are a set of general requirements that must be met on all construction sites. These are described in more detail in the Single Family Construction brochure or in City Code Section 11.55.



This brochure is intended to provide a summary of the basic requirements outlined within the City Code section. Please refer to the City Code at www.edenprairie.org for the full text and set of standards (Search for “City Code”).

Development projects have the potential to create nuisance or even hazardous conditions such as erosion, litter, incomplete projects, noise and parking issues. This City Code seeks to address these issues to provide our community safe and clean construction sites while minimizing impacts to the environment both on site and off.

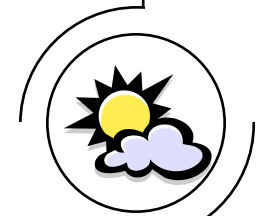


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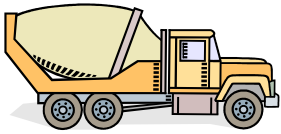
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Definitions

In order to understand the requirements associated with Land Alteration, several definitions must be understood. *Please refer to City Code 11.55 for full definitions as well as a complete list of definitions used in this section.*

Single Family Construction: Construction of a single family dwelling, garage, pool, addition, driveway or deck.

Land Alteration: Any land disturbing activity, including grading; excavating; digging; cutting; scraping; clearing; removal of trees; filling or other change or movement of earth which may result in diversion of a man-made or natural water course or erosion of sediments.

Erosion Control Systems: Methods, measures or systems used to prevent soil erosion.

Stormwater: Any form of natural precipitation which causes water to runoff or flow from one place to another.

Stormwater Facility: Anything constructed to collect, convey, or store stormwater. This may include inlets, piped storm drains, pumping facilities, ponds or basins, drainage channels, reservoirs or other drainage structures.

Final Stabilization: All Land Alteration is complete and a perennial vegetative cover with a density of 75% of cover for areas not covered by permanent structures has been established. Sowing grass seed without providing time to germinate is not considered stabilization.

Exemptions from Needing a Land Alteration Permit

Following is a summary of Land Alteration Permit application exemptions. Please refer to City Code Section 11.55 Subdivision 5 for the full list.

- Single Family Construction.
- Land Alteration Permit or Building Permit was approved by the City Council before February 7, 2006.
- Less than 100 cubic yards of earth are moved.
- Alteration of earth is less than one foot from its natural contour on any contiguous 1,000 square feet.
- Less than 10% of the Significant Trees and/or less than 10% of the vegetation on the land is to be disturbed.
- Less than 1,000 square feet of exposed soil. Is exposed during installation of a fence, sign, telephone or electric pole.
- Home gardens or home landscaping.
- Retaining walls that are less than four (4) feet in height and ten (10) feet in length. This would include a tiered or single retaining wall system.
- Emergency work to alleviate or prevent immediate dangers. Compliance with the City Code is required after the site is stabilized.

If a permit IS required, the application form is available on the City's web site in the Engineering Department link. Please go to www.edenprairie.org.

If a permit is NOT required, there are a number of General Requirements that must be met, including installation of Erosion Control Systems and Final Stabilization of the site.

General Requirements

Following are items that must be considered for **ALL construction sites**, regardless of whether the construction site requires a Land Alteration Permit.

- Concrete truck wash out areas
- Driveway installation
- Erosion Control System installation
- Final Stabilization of the site.
- Hours of operation
- Temporary construction fencing
- Tracking and Spilling
- Waste collection and disposal
- Temporary toilet facilities
- Stormwater Facilities design

Please see Subdivision 5 of City Code Section 11.55 for more information on these requirements. The Single Family Construction brochure lists these General Requirements.

