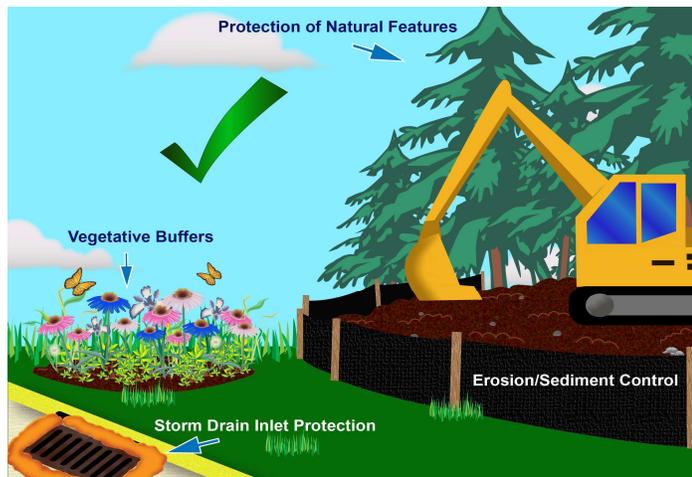




Town of Dennis Stormwater Bylaw

Contain stormwater runoff and stop erosion in its tracks

DO



DON'T



What can you do?

- The **Town of Dennis Stormwater Bylaw** requires developers, contractors, and landscapers to take measures to control stormwater runoff and prevent erosion and sedimentation for any activity that disturbs more than 500 square feet. Activities may include house demolition, additions and construction, site clearing, installation of swimming pools and landscaping projects.
- The bylaw requires the use erosion and sediment control measures during construction that are appropriate for the site. Measures may include a combination of haybales, wattles, temporary swales, stone construction entrances, silt sacks, erosion control matting or directing flow to natural low points.
- The bylaw also requires permanent measures be incorporated into design to control runoff such as roof drains, grass swales, rain gardens, vegetated areas and proper grading of lawns and driveways to keep runoff on-site.

Why is this necessary?

- Runoff from construction sites can cause erosion, carry sediments and increase flooding to abutting properties, roads and wetland resource areas.
- Runoff that flows into storm drains can damage the system that require costly repairs. Runoff that flows into wetlands, ponds, rivers, and streams can harm fish and other wildlife and is against the law.
- The download a copy of the bylaw, please visit the Town of Dennis Engineering Page or contact the Engineering or Building Department.

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