



GUILFORD COUNTY
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Erosion Control Section



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Holiday Cost Savings

The costs involved in developing a piece of property in Guilford County ranges greatly. From taxes, to permitting, to cooperating with sub-contractors and the weather, developers may find themselves over budget rather than under. As erosion control inspectors, we have noticed compliance mistakes that if corrected can have a positive impact to your bottom line.

We will list a few:

- ☑ **Properly seed the site.** When the seedbed is properly prepared per Guilford County's seeding specs, germination rates increase when applying mulch and tack along with the correct rate of seed. Often, in effort to save money, the job is not tacked, or the seedbed not prepared. One rain or wind event will most likely ruin the application, forcing a seeding crew to remobilize and perform the job twice. Spend a few extra dollars up front for the full application to save multiple seeding applications.
- ☑ **Keep Construction Entrance functioning.** The stone entrance has some of the greatest potential of offsite sedimentation, simply because the vehicle traffic moving from a bare site to the paved road. When the entrance is not properly maintained, it highlights the entire site to inspectors and to anyone driving by. When drivers are forced to drive through a muddy street, they will likely call to complain, bringing the site under detailed scrutiny. Simply refreshing the stone will minimize offsite sedimentation, keeping your site in compliance.
- ☑ **Check critical areas.** We can agree that any part of the site being graded is a matter of importance; however there are specific areas that are most critical. These areas could be the construction entrance, a creek crossing, a sediment or erosion control device particularly close to a jurisdictional stream or lake, etc. Regularly checking these points throughout the site for compliance, and repairing them quickly will prevent further damage, costlier cleanup, and/or fines.

We want to encourage you to have a Happy Holiday season. Have a safe trip if you are traveling some distance to visit family and loved ones. We value our working relationship with you and want to continue doing business in the future.

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