



GUILFORD COUNTY
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Erosion Control Section



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This letter is sent out to developers and engineers with active grading permits reminding everyone about recent changes to the Erosion Control Design Manual. Engineers and those submitting erosion control plans are now required to include the following when submitting plans:

- A copy of the most recent deed for all parcels being developed
- Latitude and longitude of the site

As a reminder the autumn seeding window for tall fescue is September 1 to October 15. Cooler weather in the fall provides a great environment for fescue to germinate. **This year the Erosion Control Staff saw an increase in sites with a “contractor’s blend” as a groundcover. Please keep in mind that these applications often have summer annual seeding mixtures that die off in winter. These mixes do not always provide permanent groundcover and are a leading cause of permit closure delays and surety returns. In addition, developers and contractors may needlessly spend thousands of dollars reseeding sites due to improper seed mixture and seedbed preparation.**

Seeding stabilization is one of the best forms of erosion control, and will typically keep a site compliant in conjunction with properly installed, maintained and functioning erosion control and sedimentation control devices. If your site is not to the point of permanent seeding, temporary seeding can stabilize critical areas and reduce maintenance requirements on erosion and sedimentation control devices.

Temporary and Permanent Seeding schedules, including proper seedbed preparation guidelines, can be found on the approved erosion control plan or at our website:

http://www.co.guilford.nc.us/planning_cms/erosion.html

Reminder: The erosion control webpage will be adding updated information in the near future. Please check the site often for links, departmental bulletins, and plan review tools.

Sincerely,

Soil Erosion Control Team