What You Need to Know About Preventing Polluted Runoff At Your Job Site

If you are doing construction, demolition, renovation, or remodeling work in Fayette County, you are required by city ordinance to prevent polluted runoff from leaving your job site. Also, if you’re constructing a new residential or commercial building or clearing / grading 5,000 square feet or more, you will need a Land Disturbance Permit from the LFUCG Division of Engineering.

Even if you don’t need a Land Disturbance Permit, you are required to manage your job site to prevent polluted runoff from leaving your site. This is necessary to keep our local creeks clean and free of muddy runoff, concrete wash water, paint and plaster waste, fuels, oils, fertilizer, litter, and other pollutants.

Compliance with these requirements is fairly simple and straightforward:

- Do not dump anything except clean water on streets, sidewalks, or in storm drains.
- Keep wastes picked up and off the ground, in covered water-tight containers.
- Store materials that might leach pollutants under a tarp, roof, or other cover.
- Keep fuels, oils, antifreeze, paint, cleaners, and other liquids in leak-proof containers.
- Seed, mulch, or cover bare areas and soil stockpiles exposed to the weather.
- Use silt fencing, fiber logs, rock bags, or other barriers to keep pollutants on your site.

If you have questions about these requirements and the need to keep our local waterways clean, please visit www.lexingtonky.gov/stormwater or call (859) 425-2400. If you would like to anonymously report observations where polluted runoff is entering streets or storm drains, you can visit www.lexingtonky.gov/lexcall-311 or call LexCall at 311.