



CONTRACTOR CONNECTIONS

City of Cedar Falls
220 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

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WINTER SWPPP COMPLIANCE

Winter has finally arrived, but the presence of snow and frozen soil is not an excuse for lack of sediment controls (perimeter controls, sedimentation traps, etc.), erosion controls (erosion control products, mulch, rock, etc.) or seven calendar day inspections. You are required to continue doing seven calendar day inspections—even if your site is not active—and note when you see signs of erosion or sediment leaving the site. When that happens you must modify your SWPPP and install the new controls within three days. Be sure to write on your SWPPP site plan and inspection form the problems you see and when corrections are completed. General Permit No. 2 requires retention of documents for three years after the project is stabilized and a Notice of Discontinuation has been filed.

Inspecting and buttoning up your site at the first signs of warming should be your priority. Make sure to have resources available to install sediment and erosion controls as soon as weather requires and allows it. As you know there can be several freeze/thaw cycles in our winters, so be prepared (do not wait until spring to act).

Please make sure to include portable restrooms in your inspections. Make sure they are not in the right of way, and they are as far as possible from storm sewer intakes or drainage systems. To decrease the chance of tip overs, they should be staked in and far from heavy machinery or moving vehicles. Adding a wattle around them is recommended as a secondary protection, if a spill were to happen. Make sure if a spill happens you contain

and clean up the discharge, and immediately report the illegal discharge to both the Iowa DNR and City of Cedar Falls. Include a plan in your SWPPP specifying how you would clean up and report as soon as possible any illicit discharge.



< Example of an improper location for a portable toilet. Please keep toilets out of the right of way and as far as possible from stormwater inlets.

Please read about upcoming training opportunities to help you comply with federal, state and local stormwater regulations. There will be two workshops, and we would love to see you at both!

Do you work at a construction site? The rules protecting our stormwater from sediment and other construction related pollutants change periodically and can be difficult to understand. But if you work on a construction site you are responsible for understanding and complying with the rules; if rules are broken you can be penalized with large fines. To help you and your contractors (roofers, siders, cement installers, etc.), the City of Cedar Falls, City of Waterloo, City of Hudson, and Dry Run Creek Watershed Improvement Project are offering a FREE, 2-hour training to familiarize yourself with your responsibilities. If you are a developer, please encourage all your contractors to attend, as this will reduce your site liabilities. See page two for more information about this workshop. Register at www.cedarfalls.com/ContractorTraining.

Are you a SWPPP installer and/or inspector? Do you want to learn more about local regulations and how to comply? The General Permit No. 2 requires SWPPP installers and inspectors to be qualified individuals. In addition, in order to obtain a City SWPPP permit, you must list a qualified SWPPP installer and inspector in your application. A good way to demonstrate you are qualified is by holding a current certification from ISWEP [the Iowa Certified Construction Site Pollution Prevention Inspector or Installer (ICCSPPPI) certification] or another valid institute. To help you get this certificate ISWEP will have a one-day training opportunity at UNI on March 12, 2020. Space is limited, so please [register here](#) soon. See page three for more information about this workshop.