



BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL OF STORMWATER POLLUTION FROM BUILDING SITES:

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Introduction:

These guidelines provide a practical guide to best practice techniques to minimise stormwater pollution from building sites. They are designed to help people involved in the building industry comply with their statutory environmental duties and avoid large fines. By following these best practice guidelines, you will be doing your part to ensure Emerald Shire Council grows as a clean and green Shire.

The following fact sheets provide examples of recommended control measures.

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For copies of these fact sheets, contact Emerald Shire Council.

Best Practice:

Best practice is the management of an activity to ensure environmental harm is minimized using cost-effective measures. These practices are assessed against national and international standards.



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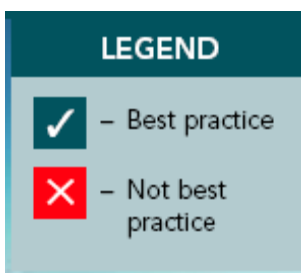
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The Benefits of best practice Stormwater Pollution Control

Some of the benefits to home owners, builders and building industry include:

- All weather site access
- Improved wet weather working conditions
- Sites do not get boggy
- Less mud and dust problems
- Reduced stockpile losses
- Reduced clean up costs
- A better public image
- More marketable sites
- Fewer public complaints
- Reduced risk of fines
- Better fishing for everyone

National and international experience shows that the cost of effective pollution management on building sites reduces greatly within the first years as builders become experienced with the various techniques.



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