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**Site inspections of properties occurring to prevent storm water runoff and pollution**

Dear Property Managers,

The following requirements apply to HOA owned and maintained properties as well as private property. Please distribute this information to your membership.

To prepare for the upcoming wet weather season, City inspectors will be visiting properties to ensure that erosion control measures have been properly installed to protect against flooding and storm water pollution. This complies with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit which prohibits non-storm water discharges to any storm drain system, which drain directly into our local creeks.

**Property owners, and contractors, are required to install and maintain erosion control measures on vacant lots (including sidewalk planters) and construction sites.** These measures are called Best Management Practices (BMPs). BMPs are used to keep sediment, debris, and other pollutants out of streets, gutters, and storm drains. Selecting, implementing, and maintaining BMPs are critical to protecting our local creeks and wildlife. Proper installation, periodic inspection, and maintenance of BMPs is also important to keeping our storm water clean.

The following rain-ready resources, and more, are available at [sonomacountyrecovers.org/rain-ready](http://sonomacountyrecovers.org/rain-ready).

- **Vacant Lot:** Temporary Erosion Control – A Homeowner’s Guide (PDF) – City of Santa Rosa
- **Construction Sites:** Construction Site – Storm Water Pollution Prevention (PDF) – City of Santa Rosa
- **BMP Installation:** Natural Resources Recovery Guide (PDF) – Sonoma Resource Conservation District and CalTrans Construction Site Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual (PDF) – CalTrans.

Included in the mailing, please see our vacant lot brochure with helpful information on preventing storm water runoff and pollution from your vacant lot. For questions, please contact the Resilient City Permit Center at 707-543-4649 or [rebuild@srcity.org](mailto:rebuild@srcity.org).

Thank you,

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Enclosure