

**Clean Water Program
Development Services Office
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

**CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Required for Projects within the San Francisco Bay
Watershed, EXCEPT individual single-family dwellings**

*(Please fill out both sides of the last page and submit it to the
Planning Office with the Land Use Application submittals. The
Planning Office Staff will route the questionnaire to the Land
Development Engineering Section)*

Information requested in this questionnaire is required by Section C.3(n) and C.9(d) of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Discharge Permit issued to the County by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and by the County NPS Pollution Ordinance.

To What Projects Does This Questionnaire Apply? The questionnaire is required for all public or private projects that are subdivisions, industrial projects, or commercial projects, and that are located within the San Francisco Bay watershed.

What is an Impervious Surface? An impervious surface prevents the infiltration or passage of water into the soil. Impervious surfaces include building rooftops, paved patios, covered patios, driveways, parking lots, streets, paved walkways, sidewalks, sports courts, swimming pools, compacted roadbeds, etc.

Where Do I get More Information? For more information regarding selection and design of Best Management Practices for storm water pollution prevention or storm water control measures, contact your private project design professional and/or the County Clean Water Program Coordinator, (408) 299-5737

Information Regarding Pesticide Reduction, for Use in Answering Question #3:

The NPDES Permit requires the County to provide "...Mechanisms to discourage pesticide use at new development sites. Such mechanisms shall encourage the consideration of pest-resistant landscaping and design features, minimization of impervious surfaces, and incorporation of storm water detention and retention techniques in the design, landscaping, and/or environmental reviews of proposed development projects..."Therefore, plants should be selected based on reduced needs for pesticide application.

Examples of Storm Water Best Management Practices and Control Measures for Use in Answering Question #4:

Storm Water Treatment

- Bio-filter (vegetated swales and/or vegetated buffer strips)
 - Detention basins, retention basins, & covered detention basins
- Media filter (sand, organic matter, bio-retention)
 - Hydrodynamic devices
- Infiltration trenches
 - Porous pavement
- Wetland basins & channels
 - Inlet filters (a low priority choice)

Source Controls

- Covered wash area/racks, drain to sanitary sewer, covered dumpster area
 - Swimming pools drains to sanitary sewer
- Beneficial landscaping (minimizes irrigation, runoff, pesticides, and fertilizers)
 - Outdoor material storage protection (covers), covers and protected drains for loading docks, maintenance bays, fueling areas
- Routine maintenance (street sweeping, catch basin cleaning)

Site Design

- Minimize land disturbance and minimize impervious surfaces
 - Minimum impact street, parking lot design, alternative driveways
- Cluster structures or pavement reduction
 - Disconnect downspouts from pavement or storm drain
- Micro detention in landscape area
 - Preservation of open space, riparian and wetland areas, buffers
- Minimize the increase of storm water flow from the new impervious area, over time (minimize hydrograph)

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*(Please remove this sheet from information packet, fill out both sides,
and submit this form with your land use application)*

If you are unable to fill this out form out accurately, please ask your project civil engineer or architect to complete the form. Inaccurate responses delay processing.

- Project Name: (if any) _____
- APN # _____ - _____ - _____ Building Inspection Office Plan Check # _____
- County Planning File # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
- Applicant Name: _____
- Project Location: _____
(Street Address and City)

1. Project Type (check all that apply):

- Residential (Subdivision, not individual Single Family Dwelling)
- Commercial
- Industrial Government: Name of Agency _____

2. Project Size, Impervious Area, and Disturbed Area:

- a. Total Site Area: _____ sq. ft.
- b. Existing (Pre-project) Impervious Surface Area _____ sq. ft.
 - Walkways _____ sq. ft.
 - Roof areas _____ sq. ft.
 - Parking lots _____ sq. ft.
 - Other areas _____ sq. ft.
- c. Total New or replacement Impervious Surface Area _____ sq. ft.
 - Walkways _____ sq. ft.
 - Roof areas _____ sq. ft.
 - Parking lots _____ sq. ft.
 - Other areas _____ sq. ft.
- d. Total (Post-Project) Impervious Surface Area (existing + new, or b+c) _____ sq. ft.
- e. Percent of Increase and Replacement of Impervious Surface Area _____ %
(c/b)*100

**THERE ARE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, SO PLEASE TURN
THIS PAGE OVER TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

f. Area of Land Disturbance During Construction _____ sq. ft.
(includes clearing, grubbing, grading, filling, building, paving, installing septic tank system, installing water tanks, etc.)

3. Please report the types of Pesticide Reduction Measures proposed for your project (check all that apply):

Description

- Specific Landscape Design and Pesticide Reduction Certification by Licensed Landscape Architect.
- Does Not Apply. (i.e., no landscaping proposed or involved)
- Project maintains existing natural vegetation without using pesticides.

4. Please report the types of storm water controls planned (check all that apply):

Description

- Storm Water Treatment Measure (pollution treatment/removal)
- Source Control Measure (pollution prevention--by permanent BMPs)
- Site Design Measure (pollution prevention--by site layout)

5. Other water quality related permits that may be required from other agencies, i.e., Santa Clara Valley Water District Permit, Dept. of Fish and Game Stream Alteration Agreement, Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 Water Quality Certification, Army Corps of Engineers 404 Certification, etc.

6. List of all water related resources located on site, including water courses, drainage ditches, streams, wetlands, springs, seeps, water wells, detention ponds, natural ponds or lakes, man-made impoundments, and septic tank systems.

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Questionnaire reviewed by LDE Staff (initials) _____ Date: _____

- Project Category: (check one)
- Group 1
 - Group 2A
 - Exempt
 - Group 1 & HMP
 - Group 2B
 - Not in SF Bay Watershed