



Brick Works

If you are involved in the building industry, you are required to provide the right circumstances necessary to reduce any environmental impact as a result of building.

All building work must be carried out in such a way as to prevent the entry of any pollution into the stormwater system.

The following guidelines are designed for the various activities and trades involved on a typical building site.

Brick works

Mortar must not be mixed in gutters or any other location which could drain into the stormwater system.

All wastewater from brick-cutting activities must be prevented from entering the stormwater system.

Brick cutting

Brick-cutting activities that generate surplus wastewater must not be carried out on public roads, footpaths or reserves.

Surplus wastewater from brick-cutting activities should be either recycled or discharged into a contained area for drying by soakage.

Any waste concrete slurry should be allowed to dry and either be disposed of in a recycling bin on site or taken to a licensed waste depot.

Stockpiling materials

All stockpiles should be placed entirely on the construction site and confined behind a sediment barrier.

Sand and cement should be covered at the end of each day if rain or excessive wind is likely.

Always ensure that site stormwater runoff is directed away from or around stockpiles.

Entry/exit points

Where possible, restrict vehicle access to only one entry/exit point. Adding gravel to the access point will allow all-weather access, reduce the amount of soil carried off site by vehicles, and provide a permanent base for a driveway.

Litter

Ensure that all litter is contained onsite to prevent any materials from being blown or washed into the stormwater system.

Noise

While construction activity is often noisy, you are required to take steps to prevent or minimise any unreasonable impacts on the local community.

Such activities not only involve construction-related tasks but also include concrete trucks parked on roadways, concrete mixers located on footpaths, and excessive noise from radios and mobile phones.

Regular construction activity should be restricted to between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday.

Extremely noisy activities, such as brick cutting or the use of jackhammers or similar, in close proximity to residential areas, should not occur before 9am.

Noise and dust from building and construction sites (domestic and commercial) are common examples of a local nuisance which can have an adverse effect on the community.

WARNING: \$300 on-the-spot fine may apply.

For further information

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