



STORMWATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND NOISE CONTROL

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GENERAL INFORMATION

All construction work must meet certain conditions related to maintaining environmental quality and public health and safety. This policy described the two most common inquiries regarding construction: Stormwater Pollution Control and Noise Control.

STORMWATER POLLUTION CONTROL

State law requires that the City of Cupertino, along with 12 other Silicon Valley cities, Santa Clara County and the Santa Clara Valley Water District control stormwater pollution. Educating local residents and businesses and enforcing stormwater pollution control laws are key parts of the City's compliance efforts.

Stormwater pollution prevention: It's up to us!

In northern Santa Clara Valley, storm drains flow directly to local creeks and into the San Francisco Bay without going through a water filtering/treatment process. Stormwater pollution is a serious problem for wildlife dependent on our waterways, for people living near streams and baylands, and for the local water supply. Common sources of stormwater pollution include;

- Dripped oil, fuel, and antifreeze from vehicles and heavy equipment;
- Construction debris, including dirt, concrete and paint;
- Landscaping runoff containing pesticides or weed killers; and
- Any material dumped or spilled into streets or storm drains.

The property owner and the contractor share ultimate responsibility for activities occurring at a construction site and will be held responsible for any environmental damage caused by subcontractors or employees. For more information on construction-related stormwater requirements, see the [Stormwater Quality Regulations](#) section of the City of Cupertino website.

COMMUNITY NOISE CONTROL

Construction noise is limited to:

- Residential daytime noise levels from complaint site – 60 dBA (daytime); 50 dBA (nighttime)
- Non-residential daytime noise levels from complaint site – 65 dBA (daytime); 55 dBA (nighttime)

Daytime hours are defined as being between the following hours:

- Weekdays – 7:00am to 8:00pm
- Weekends – 9:00am to 6:00pm

Construction, other than street construction greater than 750 feet of a residential area, is prohibited on holidays, except that construction conducted by a homeowner or resident of a single family dwelling using domestic construction tools is allowed on holidays between the hours of 9:00am to 6:00pm.

For more information on noise control, please refer to Chapter 10.48 of the Cupertino Municipal code, which can be accessed at http://www.amlegal.com/cupertino_ca.