

This fact sheet provides construction debris and sand management guidance for building developers that applies during and after construction.



#### **Construction debris**

Waste such as bricks, concrete, plasterboard, timber, strapping and general rubbish that must be removed from the site and disposed of in accordance with WA legislation.



### Sand management

Required for any BA4 – Building Permit holder in accordance with the Sand Drift Local Law 2018. This is the practice of stabilising dust or sand where an owner or occupier of land must take reasonable measures to:

- · Stabilise sand on the land.
- Ensure no sand or dust is released from or escapes from the land, whether by means of wind, water or any other cause.





### Don't let it drift



Roads, footpaths, waterways and stormwater drains must remain free from debris and sand.

All material must be properly stored to ensure it does not go beyond the work site or cause a nuisance.



The builder or site manager is responsible for the containment of material. Non-compliance may result in penalties being issued.

Learn more about site tidiness and preparing sites for all weather conditions at **rockingham.wa.gov.au/developmentcompliance** 

# Sand management options

If appropriate sand management is not established by building developers, penalties of up to \$500 may apply.

### **Hydromulch**

Synthetic fibres sprayed onto soil as an extremely effective way to suppress materials after earthworks where no access by pedestrians or vehicles is possible.

## **Temporary silt fencing**

The most efficient sediment barrier for building sites made of manufactured geotextile material.

#### **Soil binders**

Chemical soil stabilisers binding soil particles together, helping to prevent erosion from rain, wind, and sheet erosion, and are effect for dust control.

\*For larger developments, the City requires a Dust Management Plan to be submitted with any building application.

## **Stock pile protection**

Plastic covers (tarps) or other textiles placed over stockpiles/disturbed soil to reduce further erosion or spreading of the material.











# Storage and containment of debris and surplus material

Persons responsible for overseeing construction must ensure the safety of the area. Any one of the following must be implemented to prevent building rubbish blowing from the site:

A receptacle of at least 4 m<sup>3</sup> with lid, or an equivalent wire enclosure, to be established on the lot for the disposal of builder's rubbish.

All rubbish/offensive matter on the site is to be placed in the receptacle. The receptacle is to be maintained and a lid is to be kept on at all times other than when it is being loaded or unloaded with rubbish.

The construction site is to be totally fenced on the boundaries to the minimum standard of a 1,800 mm high pole with a hessian cloth fence and gates of 3,000 mm wide.

The fence is to be maintained and the gates are to be kept closed other than when being used for ingress or egress from the building site.

#### You should also ensure:

- Bins, skips and cages are regularly emptied.
- Waste such as plastics, cardboard, roofing offcuts etc. are contained and secured against windy conditions.



For comprehensive Construction Waste Management Guidelines, refer to the Western Australian Local Government Association templates for industry at

wastenet.net.au/programs/better-practice/planning-for-waste-management.aspx

City Officers actively monitor building sites for tidiness. For further information, contact the City's Planning and Building Team on **9528 0333** or email **customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au**