



# STORMWATER COMMITTEE

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To whom it may concern,

Subject: **Leominster Stormwater Ordinance**  
**Effective Jan 1, 2015 (Chapter 21, Article VI, Sections 21-74 and 21-83)**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the City of Leominster adopted a Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance on August 4, 2014, as required by EPA. Beginning on January 1, 2015 most new construction projects will require a Stormwater Permit. The permit process is set forth in the Stormwater Regulations and is highlighted below. A copy of permit application form is attached and is also available in electronic word doc and pdf formats. The permit fee for 2015 is set at \$50.00.

The purpose of the Stormwater and Erosion Control Regulations are to protect, maintain and enhance the public health, safety, environment and general welfare of the City by establishing minimum requirements and procedures to control the adverse effects of soil erosion and sedimentation, construction site runoff, increased post-development stormwater runoff and non-point source pollution associated with new development, redevelopment and other land alterations.

Project proponents will need to obtain a permit for projects falling under these categories:

1. All subdivisions as defined in the Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law (MGL c. 41 §§ 81K– 81GG) requiring approval of a definitive subdivision plan
2. Construction of a new or replacement building or dwelling
3. Any activity that will result in a land disturbance of one acre or greater within the City of Leominster
4. Land-disturbing activities occurring at least in part within the City of Leominster that will disturb equal to or greater than 5,000 s.f. but less than 1 acre
5. Creation of new impervious surfaces greater than 5,000 s.f.
6. Land Disturbance exceeding 20% of the parcel
7. Reconstruction/replacement of existing non-residential parking lots and driveways greater than 5,000 s.f.
8. The creation of any drains, swales, or the alteration of the ground surface that will cause stormwater run-off or groundwater to impact any abutting property or drainage structure.

Exemptions (for a complete explanation please review Section 21-78 of the Ordinance)

1. Projects that fall under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL CH 131 s 40)
2. Projects that require site plan approval through the Planning Board

Process for permitting: Stormwater Permit Applications can be obtained from the Leominster Building Department, the Leominster Department of Public Works (LDPW) or the Leominster Conservation Commission. The completed permit application must be submitted to the DPW, 109 Graham Street, Leominster, Mass 01453.

For additional information, please feel free to contact any of the following Stormwater Committee Members; Joanne DiNardo 978-870-2959, Chris Knuth 978-534-7533 Ext 249, Peter Niall 978-534-7517 Ext 265, Ray Racine 978-534-7590 Ext 518, or John Roseberry 978-534-7490 Ext 527.

Respectfully yours,

Stormwater Committee

CC: Mayor, City Council, Building Dept, DPW, Conservation Commission, Planning Board

Attachments

- Regulations
- Permit Application Form
- Frequently Asked Questions