

# Site Protection and Housekeeping

Guidelines for site protection and housekeeping at construction sites

Public Works Code Article 2.4.53 and Public Works Order 178,940 requires proper housekeeping, dust control and removal of excavated materials at excavation sites.



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**CORRECT:** Barricade placement



**CORRECT:** Fencing



**CORRECT:** Safe path of travel

### 1. DOES THE CITY ENFORCE PROPER SITE PROTECTION AND HOUSEKEEPING AT CONSTRUCTION SITES?

Yes. The City requires that each owner and its agent keep the area of excavation and/or related construction site clean and free of loose dirt or other debris in a manner deemed satisfactory to Public Works.

Excavation and related construction sites shall be cleaned at the completion of each workday. In addition, the contractor, owner and its agent shall remove all excavated material from the excavation and related construction site no later than the end of each workday.

### 2. WHAT MUST BE DONE TO MINIMIZE GENERATION OF DUST AND AIRBORNE CONSTRUCTION EMISSIONS?

**A.** Each permittee must comply with San Francisco Public Works Order 171,378, "Dust Control"  
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**B.** Excavation sites shall be swept at the end of each workday and/or at more frequent intervals if directed by the City representative.

### 3. HOW CAN A SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PATH OF TRAVEL BE MAINTAINED THROUGH EXCAVATION SITES?

**A.** A minimum of 4 feet of clear walkway for pedestrian access around the excavation and related construction site shall be provided at all times.

**B.** The path must be properly delineated in accordance with San Francisco Public Works Order 167,840, "Guidelines for the Placement of Barricades at Construction Sites"  
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**C.** Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) for path of travel must be observed at all times.

**D.** The permittee is responsible for daily housekeeping and site maintenance to ensure clean and orderly site conditions.

**E.** The permittee is responsible for maintaining the site, equipment, fences and signs free of graffiti. Graffiti shall be removed daily or at more frequent intervals if directed by the City representative.

**F.** Trash and debris from the construction site shall be removed and disposed of in a legal manner daily, or at more frequent intervals if directed by the City representative so that its presence will not create safety hazards, delay the progress of the work or cause a nuisance.

### 4. WHEN CAN MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT BE STORED ON THE STREET?

**A.** Material, supplies and equipment may be stored at the excavation site only if they will be used within 7 calendar days.

**B.** Fill material (sand, aggregate and asphalt coated materials) may be stored only if it will be used within 7 calendars days and properly covered and secured.

**C.** The use of the public right of way for the storage of any materials, supplies, or equipment must comply with all applicable traffic regulations and must adhere to good housekeeping standards.

**D.** Excavated material shall be removed and disposed of in a legal manner from the job site daily.

### PENALTIES

1) Liquidated damages shall be assessed in the amount of \$1,000 per day for each day any violation is not corrected, in addition to any regulatory fines determined, should the permittee fail to adhere to San Francisco Public Works Dust Control Order 171,378.

2) Fines shall be assessed in the amount of \$500 per occurrence per day, should the permittee fail to adhere to proper site protection (improper plating, path of travel, barricading, etc).

3) Fines shall be assessed in the amount of \$100 per block per day, should the permittee fail to adhere to housekeeping (failure to remove spoils, dirty site conditions, no sweeping, etc).



**VIOLATION:** Exceeding permissible use



**VIOLATION:** Unsafe condition