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- At least one Trained Contractor must be on site when soil disturbance activities are being performed.
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Bare Soil + Precipitation =
Soil Loss
Cleanup costs
Lost work days
Equipment costs
Replacement costs
Fines = $ $ $

1. Keep sediment onsite.
The law states that in areas where soil disturbance activity has temporarily or permanently ceased, temporary or permanent stabilization shall be installed within 14 days. If the site is over 5 acres of total disturbance stabilization shall be attained within 7 days.

2. Respect stormwater management practices on a site
While working onsite or making deliveries, care needs to be taken not to damage stormwater management practices such as silt fence.

3. Always use the designated stabilized construction entrance when entering and exiting the site.
All sites should have a stabilized construction entrance to prevent trucks and equipment from tracking mud and sediment into the roadway. If mud and sediment do get tracked into the roadway then roadways should be swept and cleaned immediately.

4. Be aware of water resources on a site such as nearby creeks, streams, ponds, or wetlands.
Do not drive through them or over them; use designated roadways.

5. Tracks from heavy equipment can create gullies that lead to erosion.
Before temporarily or permanent stabilization, equipment should be driven up and down a hill rather than parallel to it to reducing erosion.

6. Good communication with the site owner or developer is key.
Be sure to find out what the construction sequence and timeline of the installation of utilities is ahead of time.

If you disturb soil during construction, be sure there is a plan for replanting and that the site is stabilized within 14 days of last disturbance. If over 5 acres of disturbance the site should be stabilized within 7 days.

Construction Site Compliance Inspections can happen at any time:
- NYS DEC
- Municipality

These Entities Can Impose Stop Work Orders & Implement Fines.