

Brick Works and Tiling



Building A Better Environment

If you are involved in the building industry, you are required to provide the right circumstances necessary to reduce any environmental impact as a result of the building process.

All building work must be carried out in a way to stop the entry of any pollution into the stormwater system.

The following hints are aimed at building activities and trades involved on a typical building site.

Brick Works

Mortar must not be mixed in the kerb or any other location, which will drain into the stormwater system.

All wastewater from brick cutting activities must be prevented from entering the stormwater system.

Mix only as much mortar as you need and use all that you made up.

Take all left over materials for use on other jobs.

Brick and Tile Cutting

Brick and tile cutting activities that generate surplus wastewater should not be carried out on public roads, footpaths or reserves.

Surplus wastewater from brick and tile cutting activities should be either recycled or discharged into a contained area for drying by soakage.

Waste brick and tile slurry from cutting should be allowed to dry and then be placed in the on site waste bin.

Dust from brick and tile cutting, and the sediment in wastewater, are pollutants. The Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharge) Regulations 2004 state that dust produced by a mechanical process including cutting, grinding, sawing, sanding or polishing a material, and sediment, must not be discharged into the environment.

Stockpiling Materials

All stockpiles should be placed wholly on the construction site and behind a sediment barrier.

Sand and cement should be covered at the end of each day if rain or excessive wind is likely.

Always ensure that site stormwater runoff is directed away from or around stockpiles.

Litter

Ensure all litter is stored on site to prevent any materials from entering the stormwater system or neighbouring land through either wind or water action.

Burying or depositing rubble, plastic or other waste on site is considered littering. The WA Littering Act 1979 states that any person who deposits litter, or causes litter to be deposited, on any land or on or into any waters commits an offence. You must remove all waste from site when you finish the job.

WARNING: On the spot FINES apply

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