City of Santa Barbara Storm Water Management Program (SWMP)

TIER 1 – Small Projects

Is your project ministerial (i.e. no design review) or discretionary residential (4 units or less) with <500 sq ft. of new or replaced impervious area, with no Planning Commission review?

YES → **Water quality improvements are voluntary**

Some projects are exempt from Tier 3 and Tier 2 Requirements

See Appendix J of the City's *Storm Water BMP Guidance Manual*

NO ↓

TIER 2 – Medium Projects

Is your project

- a single family residential project (not Hillside Residential) with 500-4,000 sq ft. of new or replaced impervious area, and no Planning Commission review
- a multi-family residential project (4 units or less) with 500-4,000 sq ft. of new or replaced impervious area, and no Planning Commission Review
- a 500-4,000 sq ft. commercial or residential reroofing project
- a condo conversion of 4 units or less

YES →

Basic Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMP) Requirements
See Chapter 5 of the City's *Storm Water BMP Guidance Manual*

Peak Runoff Discharge Rate Requirement
Peak runoff discharge rate shall not exceed predevelopment rate up to the 25-year, 24-hour storm

Volume Reduction Requirement
Retain on-site the larger of the two volumes:
1) Difference between pre and post conditions, or
2) the 1-inch 24-hr storm

Water Quality Treatment Requirement
For volume based BMP, retain and treat the 1-inch, 24-hr storm.
For flow based BMP, size for rainfall of 0.25in/hr for 4 hrs.

For more details, see Chapter 6 of the City's Storm Water BMP Guidance Manual

NO ↓

TIER 3 – Large Projects

Is your project

- a discretionary project not included in Tier 1 or Tier 2
- commercial
- residential >4,000 sq ft. of new or replaced impervious area
- mixed use
- a parking lot of 10 or more spaces
- Hillside Residential
- a Public Works project

YES → **Does your project propose a reduction of impervious surfaces?**

NO ↑

YES ↓

Water Quality Treatment Requirement
For volume based BMP, retain and treat the 1-inch, 24-hr storm.
For flow based BMP, size for rainfall of 0.25in/hr for 4 hrs.