



CONTRACTOR CONNECTIONS

City of Cedar Falls
220 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

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WINTER PREPARATION

As snow forecasts come our way, this is a reminder to button up your site for winter. Please make sure to read this [Construction Site Compliance Connection](#), and follow the listed recommendations.

Since the seeding window has passed, mulching may be a good option to stabilize soils. You can get mulch for free at the city's Compost Facility at the 300 block of East Main Street. If you are using mulch be sure to read and follow these [SUDAS Design Considerations](#).

Please keep inlet protections in place until we have a snowfall accumulation of at least 1" for arterial and collector streets, and of 3" for residential streets AND the temperature forecast stays below 30° F. This is important so inlet protections do not freeze in place and are not in the way of snowplow operations. Keep inlet protections available on site; you will need to put them back if we have warm days/warm periods when runoff from snowmelt/rainfall may occur. EPA requires inlets to be protected at all times when sediment may enter the storm sewer, even during winter. It is your responsibility to make sure to protect inlets. To avoid possible fines from the EPA make sure to install inlet protections when there are possibilities of runoff.

Keep erosion controls in place (disturb the minimum amount of area possible and stabilize portions of the site following 0-14 day rule) and maintain sediment controls (perimeter controls, stabilized entrances, etc.) to minimize the amount of sediment reaching the inlets when inlet protections are removed. Inlet protections should not be removed before December 1, and should be in place by March 15, unless a city notice is released about modifying these dates.

SWEEPING SCHEDULE

Please fill out this [survey](#) by 11/6/2019 so we know when your streets will look the best—we can do inspections at that time.



"0-14 DAY RULE"

Your General Permit #2 says the following:

Soil Stabilization

Stabilization of disturbed areas must, at minimum, be initiated immediately whenever any clearing, grading, excavating or other earth disturbing activities have permanently ceased on any portion of the site or temporarily ceased on any portion of the site and will note resume for a period exceeding 14 calendar days.

This means when you are not going to perform any substantial work on a portion of the site for 14 days—including stockpiles—you need to stabilize the area immediately. Stabilizing areas reduces the erosion in our sites, and is the best way to control soil loss. We hope this helps clarify the "0-14 Day Rule" and its meaning. If you have any questions feel free to contact us.