WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?
Loss of material through incorrect storage of stockpiles and building materials (such as sand, gravel, mulch, soil, etc) can be a major source of pollution to our waterways and can cause costly losses to the builder.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
It is the responsibility of the developer/builder to ensure that appropriate material stockpile and waste management systems are in place.

MANAGEMENT OF STOCKPILES
- Appropriate location and protection of stockpiles will assist in reducing damage to the building block.
- When ordering materials, give clear instructions on where you want them placed on your building block.
- Clearly mark your stockpile area. This will assist with the management of the site.
- To prevent the potential loss of materials, plan to limit the amount of material onsite if possible.
- Ensure all workers (including subcontractors, delivery drivers, etc) are aware of their responsibilities to minimise pollution.

To protect stockpiles and building materials from entering the stormwater system:
- Place them near the stabilised access point.
- Store them behind sediment fences. On sloped surfaces, place a sediment fence on the low side of the stockpile.
- Protect them from costly losses by covering where necessary.
- Locate them away from high water flow areas (e.g. drainage channels, kerb inlet pits, paved areas and driveways).
- Keep stockpile height below 2m.
- Apply a stabilising agent to the surface.

WASTE DISPOSAL
- Install onsite waste collection.
- Material must be stored in such a way that it does not, or is not likely to, escape.
- Locking the bin will assist in preventing illegal use.
- Arrange regular and timely clearance of bins to avoid overfilling.
- Where possible, collect materials for recycling and/or keep different materials in separate bins.

PENALTIES APPLY IF LITTER:
- Is deposited in a public place.
- Escapes your building site.
- Is not deposited in a suitable receptacle.
- Causes injury to a person or animal.

Contact City Rangers for more information regarding litter on 13 22 81.
PERIMETER FENCE

Materials may be accidentally dropped and not put in the bin. A perimeter fence will help to keep this material from being carried off site by wind or water.

A perimeter fence can also prevent unauthorised persons gaining access to a site.

You have a duty of care under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 to protect the public as well as workers from hazards associated with building works. A Notice About Building Work sign is required to be displayed on your site under the Building Act 2004.

REDUCE WASTE

Builders should reduce waste by ensuring that they:

- Design and order only what is needed.
- Use prefabricated products.
- Separate materials for recycling. This includes timber, steel and metal scraps, electrical cuttings, bricks, concrete, tiles, etc.

Contact ACT NOWaste for waste minimisation and recycling information on 13 22 81.

MAINTENANCE OF STOCKPILES AND WASTE

- Ensure controls are checked daily and any repairs undertaken immediately.
- A good maintenance program should include ongoing modification throughout the construction process.
- Ensure controls are put back in place if they are moved for any reason.
- It is important that controls are in place at the end of the day or before it rains.

WHEN UNABLE TO STORE STOCKPILES ON SITE

Builders and developers must comply with the approved Landscape Management Protection Plan (LMPP) for their site. The LMPP often requires fencing of the nature strip area to protect existing trees and footpaths. In some instances, approval may be granted by Transport Canberra and City Services for short term use of the nature strip area for storage or access purposes.

For more information regarding the use of unleased territory land for building activities, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

Material must not get into drains, gutters or the stormwater system.

REMEMBER: Under the Environment Protection Act 1997 it is an offence to allow waste (including soil) to enter the stormwater system from your building site. Penalties can range from $100 on the spot fines to court fines of up to $50,000, six months in jail and a criminal record.