



New Stormwater and Clearing & Grading Regulations

December 2009

change notice

On January 1, 2010, the new Storm & Surface Water Utility and Clearing & Grading Codes and Standards will go into effect.

Bellevue (along with most other Western Washington communities) was required to adopt new stormwater and clearing & grading regulations for development as part of a federal Clean Water Act permit¹ to minimize stormwater pollution. Public notifications of the upcoming regulatory changes were made throughout 2009 via e-mails and mailings, open houses, public meetings, Commission and Council meetings, and the city's website.

The primary change to the codes and standards is the adoption of the 2005 Ecology Stormwater Manual for development, redevelopment, and construction stormwater management requirements. In addition, revisions were made to the Civil Violations Code to address the control of illicit (non-stormwater) discharges from construction sites (and existing development), including provisions for escalating enforcement.

The new codes and standards are available as noted below. The changes are reflected in the city's submittal requirements for development projects (www.bellevuewa.gov/permit_submittal_requirements.htm).

For More Information

- See the new codes and standards online at www.bellevuewa.gov/doc_library.htm:
 - Ordinance 5905 – BCC Chapter 24.06, Storm and Surface Water Utility Code; Utilities Engineering Standards
 - Ordinance 5906 – BCC Chapter 23.76, Clearing and Grading Code; Clearing & Grading Development Standards
 - Ordinance 5907 – BCC Chapter 1.18.075, Civil Violations Code
- For questions about the Storm Code and Standards, call Utilities customer service in the Development Services Center, 425-452-4187.
- For questions about the Clearing & Grading Code and Standards, call Clearing & Grading customer service in the Development Services Center, 425-452-2019.
- Visit the Development Services Center on the first floor of Bellevue City Hall (450 110th Avenue NE)

¹ National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit