



## VEGETATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME BUILDING SITES

The **City of Bryan's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46** and the **Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ) Construction General Permit TXR150000** require final stabilization on home building sites.

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### City of Bryan Code of Ordinances

#### Sec. 46-126. - Pollution control measures.

(c) Final stabilization (post construction). These measures, specific to the type of site, provide final stabilization of the construction sites:

- (1) All soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed and a uniform (e.g., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial vegetative cover with a density of 70 percent has been established on all unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures, or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as the use of riprap, gabions, silt fence, grass, mesh, or geotextiles) have been employed.

### TCEQ Construction General Permit TXR150000 Definitions

**Final Stabilization** - A construction site status where any of the following conditions are met:

- (a) All soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed and a uniform (that is, evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial vegetative cover with a density of at least 70% of the native background vegetative cover for the area has been established on all unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures, or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as the use of riprap, gabions, silt fence, grass, mesh, or geotextiles) have been employed.
- (b) For individual lots in a residential construction site by either:
  - (1) the homebuilder completing final stabilization as specified in condition (a) above;
  - or
  - (2) the homebuilder establishing temporary stabilization for an individual lot prior to the time of transfer of the ownership of the home to the buyer and after informing the homeowner of the need for, and benefits of, final stabilization. If temporary stabilization is not feasible, then the homebuilder may fulfill this requirement by retaining perimeter controls or Best Management Practices (BMP), and informing the homeowner of the need for removal of temporary controls and the establishment of final stabilization. Fulfillment of this requirement must be documented in the homebuilder's stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWP3).

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The attached builder to homeowner transfer notice is a **temporary** option for the homeowner to take possession of the house until vegetation or other form of stabilization is installed. The homeowner transfer paper must be signed by the homeowner and the builder. It must specify the stormwater controls to be placed on the site to stop erosion. The site must be stabilized within 2 months of the date on the transfer. If the site is not stabilized within 2 months, the homeowner will be in violation of the City of Bryan and TCEQ requirements and may be subject to fines.

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