



DESCRIPTION:

Stacking sand bags along a level contour creates a barrier which detains sediment-laden water, ponding water upstream of the barrier and promoting sedimentation.

APPLICATION:

- ▶ Along the perimeter of the site.
- ▶ May be used in drainage areas up to 5 acres.
- ▶ Along streams and channels
- ▶ Across swales with small catchments.
- ▶ Around temporary spoil areas.
- ▶ Below the toe of a cleared slope.

INSTALLATION/APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- ▶ Install along a level contour.
- ▶ Base of sand bag barrier should be at least 48 inches wide.
- ▶ Height of sand bag barrier should be at least 18 inches high.
- ▶ 4 inch PVC pipe may be installed between the top layer of sand bags to drain large flood flows.
- ▶ Provide area behind barrier for runoff to pond and sediment to settle.
- ▶ Place below the toe of a slope.

LIMITATIONS:

- ▶ Sand bags are more expensive than other barriers, but also more durable.
- ▶ Burlap should not be used.

MAINTENANCE:

- ▶ Inspect after each rain.
- ▶ Reshape or replace damaged sand bags immediately.
- ▶ Replace sediment when it reaches six inches in depth.

OBJECTIVES

- Housekeeping Practices
- Contain Waste
- Minimize Disturbed Areas
- Stabilize Disturbed Areas
- Protect Slopes/Channels
- Control Site Perimeter
- Control Internal Erosion



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TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- Sediment
- Nutrients
- Toxic Materials
- Oil & Grease
- Floatable Materials
- Other Waste

- High Impact
- Medium Impact
- Low or Unknown Impact

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- Capital Costs
- O&M Costs
- Maintenance
- Training

- High
- Medium
- Low