Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Requirements

The Utah Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulates storm water discharges in Utah using the Utah Pollution Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) program. As required with this program, Sandy City (the City) manages storm water from the City using the Sandy City Storm Water Management Program (SWMP). Local regulations have been enacted as part of the City’s SWMP to meet the UPDES requirements. These local regulations and also the requirements of the UPDES Construction General Permit UTRC00000 (CGP) and UPDES Common Plan Permit UTRH00000 must be met for all work within Sandy City.

As required by the UPDES program, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) shall be prepared for land disturbing activities identified in City Ordinances Title 13 – Streets and Public Improvements and Title 15A – Land Development Code. A SWPPP is a document which describes the Best Management Practices (BMPs) and good housekeeping practices to be implemented by a person or entity to identify sources of pollution or contamination at a site and the actions to eliminate or reduce discharges to storm water, storm water conveyance systems, and/or receiving waters. This plan must be submitted to and approved by the City prior to obtaining a Grading Permit, Subdivision Plan approval (residential), Site Plan approval (commercial), a Building Permit, or a Road Cut Permit.

The BMPs that are to be used may be self-designed, provided by vendors, or based on details found online. It is expected that the selected BMPs will comply with regulations and will be installed as they are specified in the SWPPP. There are numerous online resources for BMPs and vendors who provide BMP products and services. BMPs should be selected that will be effective but also practical to install and maintain. BMP guidance information can be found on the Sandy City Storm Water website.

There are four categories of SWPPPs based on size and type of development and construction, each with a different template that is to be used. The four SWPPP categories are the following:

1. Construction General Permit
2. Common Plan
3. Project Less Than 1 Acre
4. Miscellaneous Small Project

Information and requirements for these SWPPP categories are detailed in the SWPPP Categories table on the Sandy City Storm Water Development and Construction website.