

# New Jersey's Blueprint for Soil Erosion Control

Since 1976, New Jersey requires construction projects disturbing over 5,000 sq. ft. to have a certified plan, managed by local Soil Conservation Districts using 32 official state-approved standards.



## STEP 1: IDENTIFY & DESIGN

A certified erosion control plan is designed using official state standards before work begins.



## STEP 2: CONSTRUCT

Erosion control measures are installed before construction and disturbed areas are stabilized.



## STEP 3: INSPECT

Local district staff inspect sites to ensure compliance with the certified plan.



## STEP 4: FINALIZE

A third party must approve protections after construction and controls are removed.

## THE TOOLBOX: 32 OFFICIAL CONTROL STANDARDS



### 10 VEGETATIVE STANDARDS

These standards use vegetation to stabilize soil after construction is complete.

#### EXAMPLE MEASURES



**Topsoiling**  
(soil mound with leaves)



**Tree Protection**  
(tree trunk with barrier)



**Permanent Vegetative Cover**  
(grass and wildflowers)



**Mulching**  
(shredded wood and leaf icon)



### 22 ENGINEERING STANDARDS

These standards provide temporary or permanent designs to manage runoff.

#### EXAMPLE MEASURES



**Silt Fence**  
(fabric fence on posts)



**Stabilized Construction Access**  
(stone path)



**Sediment Basin**  
(pond with sediment layer)



**Riprap**  
(rock slope protection)