



QUICK TIPS: STORMWATER PERMITS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME CONSTRUCTION

El Paso County issues two types of Stormwater Permits for construction activities associated with new residential home construction, an Associate Erosion and Stormwater Quality Control Permit (AESQCP) and a Builder's Erosion and Stormwater Quality Control Permit (BESQCP). **Note that an approved El Paso County Stormwater Permit must be obtained prior to applying for a Building Permit through Pike's Peak Regional Building Department (PPRBD) to prevent PPRBD Building Permit delays.**

Stormwater Permit Applicability

- An **AESQCP** is required for construction activities related to new single-family residential home construction that result in land disturbance of less than one (1) acre and are part of a larger common plan of development (LCPD) or sale that cumulatively will disturb one (1) acre or more. **The AESQCP provides permit coverage for all lots owned by a single builder within a subdivision filing. The applicant is required to obtain an AESQCP once the property is purchased, regardless of vertical construction schedule. The AESQCP is a newly established permit type and will apply to the majority of single-family residential home construction.**
- A **BESQCP** is required for construction activities related to new single-family residential home construction that result in land disturbance of less than one (1) acre and that are not part of a LCPD or sale that cumulatively will disturb one (1) acre or more. **The BESQCP provides permit coverage for a single lot.**

Initiating a Stormwater Permit Application

- To obtain a Stormwater Permit, the applicant must start by filling out and submitting an electronic **Stormwater Permit Request Form** available on the County's Stormwater website.
- El Paso County Stormwater Staff (Stormwater Staff) will review the information provided in the Stormwater Permit Request Form to determine which type of Stormwater Permit is required (e.g., AESQCP or BESQCP). Stormwater Staff will create a project file in the County's Electronic Development Application Review Program (EDARP) to facilitate the submittal and review of the required Stormwater Permit application documents.

Stormwater Permit Application Review and Approval

- The applicant will receive an EDARP Submission Request for the applicable Stormwater Permit application documents. The EDARP Submission Request will be associated with either an ASQ file or a BSQ file, depending on which Stormwater Permit is required (e.g., AESQCP or BESQCP).
- The applicant will upload all required documents to EDARP. A table showing the list of documents required for each Stormwater Permit type is available on the County's Stormwater website.
- Stormwater Staff will review the submitted documents and provide comments, if applicable, in EDARP.
- For AESQCPs, submission reviews will be completed by Stormwater Staff within 7 days for the 1st submittal and within 2 days for subsequent reviews, as necessary. For BESQCPs, submission reviews will be completed within 2 days.
- The submission and review process will continue in EDARP until all Stormwater Staff comments have been resolved. At that time, Stormwater Staff will upload the approved Stormwater Permit Form to EDARP under Approved Documents.
- **Note that an approved Stormwater Permit Form must be submitted as part of an applicant's PPRBD Building Permit Application.**

Permit Fees

- Permit fees will be assessed for each individual lot covered by an AESQCP or BESQCP. Permit fees are collected through PPRBD during the Building Permit application process.
- AESQCP and BESQCP permit fees are equivalent in cost and will be billed under the BESQCP fee designation in accordance with the current fee schedule.
- The current fee schedule is available on the El Paso County Planning and Community Development's website.

Resources

- For more information regarding Stormwater Permits and related requirements, refer to the Engineering Criteria Manual Appendix I (Updated March 2026) available on the County's Stormwater website.
- Contact Stormwater Staff via email at stormwater@elpasoco.com for questions regarding Stormwater Permits.
- El Paso County Stormwater website: <https://publicworks.elpasoco.com/stormwater/>.
- El Paso County Planning and Community Development website: <https://planningdevelopment.elpasoco.com>.