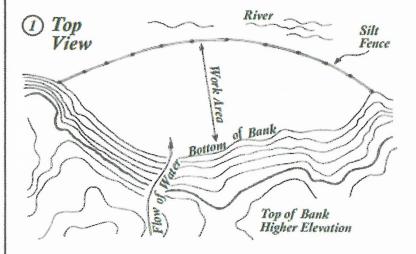


## Bluefield, West Virginia Nature's Air-Conditioned City

#### Silt (Sediment) Fence Installation Instructions

- When installing a silt fence, first choose the appropriate place to set up a silt fence by considering site terrain and slope, water flow and projected soil disturbance during construction.
- Set the silt fence perpendicular to the slope of the land, curving the fence inward towards the slope.
- Place the silt fence spaced away from the toe-of-slope, leaving enough room to accumulate sediment and to perform work.
- Dig a six to eight inch trench (either V shaped or flat bottomed) directly up slope or upstream of the silt fence. On the downstream edge, drive in wood stakes, rebar or steel stakes at least 1 foot down into the sediment. The stakes or rebar should be long enough to accommodate the trench depth and height of the silt fence fabric.
- Run a continuous length of fabric along the inside of the stakes and secure with nails, staples or zip ties allowing at least 1 foot to line the trench. Extend termination points uphill one full panel length.
- Use continuous fabric piece for the silt fence. If one is unavailable and a joint is necessary, overlap the fabric at least the width of one stake spacing and secure in place using a wooden lath, staples, zip ties or nails.
- Cover the trench with backfilled and compacted soil, gravel or rock.
- Maintain the fence by checking the fabric for damage, failure of fence to withhold sediment and damage to posts. Install additional back-up fence if needed.

# Silt Fence Installation Step-by-Step



Prepare a stormwater pollution prevention plan. Set up silt fences according to terrain, soil and run-off consideration. Prevent soil migration by decreasing soil exposure, steep unvegetated slopes and construction time. Revegetate as soon as possible in the SAME SEASON.

#### (1a) Side View Detail

Silt fence 2' - 3' high above ground

Dig "V" shaped or flat bottomed trench 6"- 8" deep. Backfill with dirt and rock to keep fabric in trench covered.

at least 1' of fabric to line trench

Work area

Stake driven into ground
1' - 2' depending on site

Moniter integrity of installed silt fence and remove sediment before it reaches 1/3 the height of the silt fence. It is especially important to moniter during and after rain and break-up events.

### (1b) Front View Detail (One Section of Silt Fence)

