



City of Santa Barbara

Storm Water BMP Guidance Manual Project Exemptions (Appendix J)

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APPENDIX J List of Projects Exempt or Partially Exempt from Storm Water Requirements

1. Ministerial maintenance and repair projects, proposed solely for the purpose of maintenance and/or repair of existing structures. Projects that expand the building footprint, roof area, and/or impervious area on the project site are not considered maintenance and/or repair.
2. Maintenance of paving (as defined in Appendix A: Glossary).
3. Reroofing projects (as defined in Appendix A: Glossary).
4. New skylights installed in existing structures.
5. The portion of an existing driveway that is over 15% slope. For Tier 3 and 4 projects, applicants must meet project rate, volume, and treatment requirements for total impervious area on parcel (i.e., the driveway itself is exempt, but the rate, volume, and treatment of storm water from the driveway area will be added to the project site storm water requirements).
6. Existing shared driveways, where the scope of the project does not include redesign or redevelopment of the shared driveway. This exemption only applies to the shared portion of the driveway.
7. Parking lots, walkways, etc. designed to be permeable (permeable concrete or asphalt, permeable pavers, grass pavers, etc. (see Table 6-29 for permeable pavement joint sizing)).
8. Raised decks, stairs, or walkways (not built directly on the ground, and where the surface underneath is permeable) designed with spaces (i.e., gaps between decking) to allow for water drainage.
9. Retaining walls, fences, gates, trellises, trash enclosure walls (i.e., vertical structures with a width of 12" or less).
10. Interior remodel or alteration projects.
11. Cosmetic improvements/alterations that do not increase the building footprint, roof area, and/or impervious area on the project site (i.e., painting, door replacement, window replacement, façade remodel, replastering of a structure, etc.).
12. Sign installation or repairs.
13. Spas/pools/fountains designed to detain the 1-inch, 24-hour storm.
14. Photovoltaic systems.
15. Disaster rebuilds with the same or smaller building footprint and roof area, and no increase in impervious area on the project site.
16. Temporary structures (temporary = 6 months; non-recurring).
17. Septic system installation or repairs.
18. Remediation equipment mandated by the County or another governmental agency as part of a site cleanup.
19. Repair or replacement of airfield paving within Airfield Operations Area (AOA) where there is no expansion of the paved area.
20. Boat ramps at water bodies.
21. Above-ground fuel storage tanks and fuel farms with spill containment systems.
22. Work in the public right-of-way that is not considered a Public Improvement (as defined in Appendix A: Glossary).
23. Technical or legal infeasibility (where strict compliance with the City's storm water runoff requirements is found to be infeasible, the project applicant must utilize all feasible measures to achieve the greatest compliance possible).

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