

PREPARATION

1. REFER TO APPROVED PLANS FOR LOCATION, EXTENT, AND DIMENSIONAL DETAILS. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS WITH THE LOCATION, OR EXTENT, CONTACT THE ENGINEER OR RESPONSIBLE ON-SITE OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE.
2. TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE DISTURBANCE TO THE BUFFER ZONE IS MINIMISED THROUGHOUT THE TIME IT IS USED AS A SEDIMENT TRAP.
3. TO THE MAXIMUM DEGREE PRACTICABLE, ENSURE FLOW PASSING THROUGH THE BUFFER ZONE IS NOT ALLOWED TO CONCENTRATE WITHIN DRAINAGE DEPRESSIONS, SWALES, RILLS OR WHEEL TRACKS.
4. WHERE NECESSARY, INSTALL APPROPRIATE DRAINAGE CONTROLS UP-SLOPE OF THE BUFFER ZONE TO DISTRIBUTE THE INFLOW ALONG THE FULLY LENGTH OF THE BUFFER ZONE AS 'SHEET FLOW'.
5. WHERE NECESSARY, INSTALL A COARSE SEDIMENT TRAP, SUCH AS A SEDIMENT FENCE, UP-SLOPE OF THE BUFFER ZONE TO REDUCE THE QUANTITY OF SEDIMENT PASSING ONTO THE GRASS. GENERALLY THIS IS REQUIRED IF LARGE QUANTITIES OF COARSE SEDIMENT ARE EXPECTED.

6. IF REQUIRED, INSTALL A LIGHT BARRIER FENCE TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE BUFFER ZONE AND HELP EXCLUDE CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC.

MAINTENANCE

1. INSPECT THE BUFFER ZONE ON A REGULAR BASIS AND AFTER RUNOFF-PRODUCING RAINFALL.
2. ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO SOIL EROSION AND THAT SEDIMENT DEPOSITION IS NOT CAUSING THE CONCENTRATION OF FLOW THROUGH THE BUFFER ZONE, OR FLOW BYPASSING.
3. IF THE BUFFER ZONE HAS BEEN DISTURBED, TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO RE-ESTABLISH SUITABLE SHEET FLOW CONDITIONS.
4. REMOVE EXCESSIVE ACCUMULATIONS OF SEDIMENT THAT MAY CAUSE THE CONCENTRATION OF FLOW. EXCESSIVE SEDIMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED AFTER EACH RUNOFF-PRODUCING RAINFALL EVENT, OR WHERE APPROPRIATE, EVENLY RAKED INTO THE SOIL. SEDIMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED IN A MANNER THAT AVOIDS DAMAGE TO THE BUFFER ZONE OR THE CREATION OF WHEEL TRACKS DOWN THE SLOPE.

5. EXCESSIVE SEDIMENT MAY BE DEFINED AS:

- (i) ANY SEDIMENT THAT COVERS A PORTION OF THE GRASSED SURFACE; OR
- (ii) SEDIMENT DEPOSITION SUCH THAT THE GRASS STRAND HEIGHT ABOVE THE SEDIMENT IS LESS THAN 50mm; OR
- (iii) A DEPOSITION OF SEDIMENT IN EXCESS OF 750g/m² (APPROXIMATELY THE EQUIVALENT OF THREE 70mm DIAMETER BALLS OF DRY SOIL).

6. THE SOURCE OF ANY EXCESSIVE SEDIMENT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND CONTROLLED WHERE PRACTICAL.

7. TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST 75% GRASS COVER OVER THE BUFFER ZONE.

8. WHERE PRACTICAL, MAINTAIN ANY GROUND COVER VEGETATION AT A HEIGHT GREATER THAN THE EXPECTED DEPTH OF WATER FLOW AND AT LEAST 50mm.

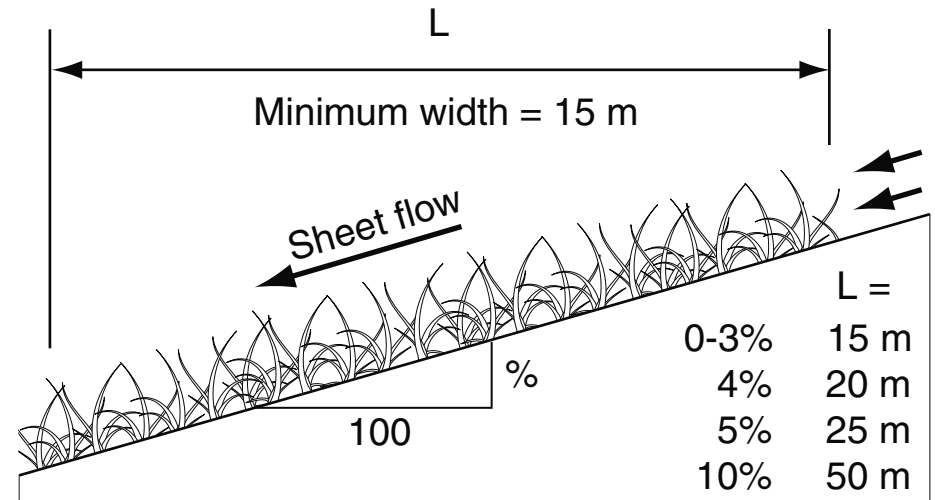


Figure 1 - Minimum dimensional requirements of a grassed buffer zone

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