PORTABLE TOILET DETAILS FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES

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OVERVIEW:
The release of pollutants, sewage, and/or contaminated wash waters associated with the transport, cleaning, washing or flushing of portable toilets directly or indirectly to the storm drain system, storm water conveyances or waterways is a violation of federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances. The wastes and associated wash water from cleaning of portable toilets, their reservoirs or tank compartments, hoses, vacuum and pumping equipment, transfer tanks and transport tank trucks must be contained and discharged to a sanitary sewer or other appropriate sanitary wastewater treatment facility.

The discharge of waste, wastewater or contaminated wash water from any such portable toilet transporting, cleaning or maintenance operations to the City of Colorado Springs’ Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is prohibited. The City of Colorado Springs does not currently have a policy for placement of portable toilets on construction sites. The purpose of this document is to define the placement policy requirements.

Portable Toilet Protection Installation for Construction Sites
- Portable toilets shall be placed a minimum of 10 feet behind all curbs and/or sidewalks.
- Portable toilets shall be a minimum of 50 feet from stormwater inlet structures.
- Portable toilets shall be placed at least 100 feet from waterways.
- Portable toilets shall be placed on a flat surface.
- Portable toilets shall be grouped together whenever practicable.
- Portable toilets shall be securely anchored to the ground using U-shaped rebar stakes.
- U-shaped stakes shall be positioned on at least two diagonal corners of the structure.
- Portable toilets that have tipped over shall be placed upright immediately upon discovery. Any spilled waste shall be cleared up immediately and disposed of properly. Portable toilets shall be properly re-staked.

Portable Toilet Protection Installation for Roadway Construction
- Portable toilets in the right-of-way are required to be placed on mobile trailers and must be anchored or weighted down. Note: Portable toilets placed in staging areas/yards may be installed in accordance with the "Installation for Construction Sites" requirements above.
- Portable toilets shall ALWAYS be a minimum of 50 feet from protected stormwater inlet structures and the downstream inlets must have inlet protection in accordance with DCM standards and specifications.
- Portable toilets shall be placed at least 100 feet from waterways.

Portable Toilet Protection Inspection and Maintenance Notes
- The erosion control inspector shall inspect that the portable facility is staked down and the appropriate distance from the curb line each time they are in the area.
- Portable toilet protection shall be repaired immediately when any stakes are loose, damaged, or removed.
- Portable toilets shall be serviced at the necessary intervals to eliminate the possibility of overflow.
- When the portable toilets are removed, and disturbed areas associated with the installation, maintenance, and/or removal of the toilets shall be landscaped or roughened, seeded, mulched, and crimped per the specifications.
**PORTABLE TOILET PLAN**

**INSTALLATION NOTES**
1. PORTABLE TOILETS SHALL BE PLACED A MINIMUM OF 10 FEET BEHIND ALL CURBS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER IMPERVIOUS AREAS; 50 FEET FROM STORM INLETS, AND 100 FEET FROM WATERWAYS.
2. PORTABLE TOILETS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ARE REQUIRED TO BE PLACED ON MOBILE TRAILERS AND MUST BE ANCHORED OR WEIGHTED DOWN. PORTABLE TOILETS MAY BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTE #1 IN STAGING AREAS/YARDS.
3. ALL PORTABLE TOILETS MUST BE GROUPED TOGETHER.
4. PORTABLE TOILETS SHALL BE SECURELY ANCHORED TO THE GROUND USING U-SHAPED REBAR STAKES, OR OTHER EFFECTIVE ANCHORING.
5. ANCHORING SHALL BE POSITIONED ON AT LEAST TWOOPPOSING (DIAGONAL) CORNERS.

**MAINTENANCE NOTES**
1. FREQUENT OBSERVATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ARE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CONTROL MEASURES IN EFFECTIVE OPERATING CONDITION. INSPECTIONS AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED THOROUGHLY.
2. PORTABLE TOILETS SHALL BE SERVICED AT THE NECESSARY INTERVALS TO ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF OVERFLOW.
3. WHEN THE PORTABLE TOILETS ARE REMOVED, ANY DISTURBED AREAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND/OR REMOVAL OF THE TOILETS MUST BE PERMANENTLY STABILIZED.