Plan Ahead to Prevent Pollution:
Tips to Reduce Stormwater Runoff During Construction

1. Leave existing trees and plants in place where possible.
2. Obtain permission and filter water if discharging to streams or storm drains.
3. Stabilize the construction entrance to minimize tracking soil into the street.
4. Include low impact design features - like rain gardens and bioswales - during project planning.
5. Use natural materials - like mulch and winter rye - to cover exposed dirt during construction delays.
6. Safely store and secure construction materials when not in use.
7. Divide large construction projects into phases to minimize the amount of unstable soil at any point in time.

Contact EPA and your municipality to make sure you have the proper permits before beginning construction.

Construction companies can do their part to keep Massachusetts’ waterways clean.
Find more tips like these at www.ThinkBlueMassachusetts.org.