

Dust and Debris Control in Neighbourhoods Under Construction



Dust from construction sites in new neighbourhoods is inevitable as developers clear land, install water and sewer pipes, and build roads, parks and housing.

While the City of Saskatoon (City) understands the impacts of construction can be frustrating to residents nearby, a certain level of noise and dust can be expected until the neighbourhood is complete.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What can be done about dust from construction sites?

Given the strong winds often experienced on the prairies that are particularly felt on the edge of the city where new developments take place, the City cannot reasonably control all dust. However, a certain level of control is expected when it is caused by any of the contractor's operations, which may include applying water to the ground where equipment is moving around.

The contractor is required to submit a dust control plan to the City for approval prior to any work taking place. In extraordinary circumstances, if the contractor fails to adequately control the dust to the satisfaction of the City, a stop work order may be issued until the situation is resolved.

The [Contractor Environmental Guidelines](#) contain information on all environmentally acceptable methods for controlling dust on construction projects.

Who is responsible for cleaning up dirt and mud on the streets from construction?

Through service agreements with the City, developers are required to utilize street sweepers to clean up excessive mud left on streets from vehicles and equipment exiting construction sites. Requiring developers to keep the streets clean, combined with a later spring City-initiated curb-to-curb sweep, is the best way to keep streets in these areas as clean as reasonably possible.

How is waste and recycling from construction sites managed?

Contractors must adhere to [Bylaw 8310 - Waste Bylaw, 2004](#) and are required to have on-site recycling and waste containers that are emptied regularly. Allowing any type of waste or recycling to leave the work site, as well as burning, burying, and illegally dumping it is not permitted.

If I am concerned that dust and debris is not being controlled within reason, who do I contact?

Please contact the 24-hour Customer Care Centre at [306-975-2476](tel:306-975-2476) or customer care@saskatoon.ca. Our team will work with the appropriate City department or developer to investigate and will follow up with you.