

► **ASSESSMENT 2 – Landscaping and Site Management to Control Runoff**

	<b>LOW RISK</b>	<b>MEDIUM RISK</b>	<b>HIGH RISK</b>	<b>YOUR RISK</b>
<b>Bare soil in lawns and gardens</b>	Bare spots in the lawn are promptly seeded and topped with a layer of straw or mulch. Bare soil in gardens is covered with mulch.	Grass or other ground cover is spotty, particularly on slopes.	Spots in the lawn or garden are left without mulch or vegetation for long periods.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
<b>Bare soil during construction</b>	Bare soil is seeded and mulched as soon as possible (before construction is completed). Sediment barriers are used until grass covers soil.	Soil is left bare until construction is completed. Sediment barriers are installed and maintained to detain muddy runoff until grass covers soil.	Soil is left bare and no sediment barriers are used.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
<b>Paved surfaces</b>	Paved surfaces are minimized. Alternatives such as wood chips or paving blocks are used for walkways, patios, and other areas.	Some small areas are paved for patios or basketball.	Paved surfaces are used extensively.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
<b>Basement protection</b>	Stormwater is diverted from basement windows by window well covers and other devices. Yard is sloped away from the foundation. Downspouts direct roof drainage away from the house.	No special water diversion methods are installed, but stormwater has never entered the basement.	No water diversion methods are attempted. Stormwater runoff has entered the basement or flows near the foundation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
<b>Roof drainage</b>	Downspouts and drip lines direct roof drainage onto a lawn or garden where water soaks into the ground.	Some downspouts and drip lines discharge water onto paved surfaces or grassy areas where water runs off.	Most or all drip lines or downspouts discharge onto paved surfaces, or downspouts are connected directly to storm drains.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
<b>Landscaping and buffer strips</b>	Yard is landscaped to slow the flow of stormwater and provide areas where water soaks into the ground. Unmowed buffer strips of thick vegetation are left along streams or lakeshores.	No areas are landscaped to encourage water to soak in, but yard is relatively flat and little runoff occurs. Mowed grass or spotty vegetation exists adjacent to a stream or lake.	There is no landscaping to slow the flow of stormwater, especially on hilly, erodible properties. Stream banks or lakeshores are eroding.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High