

The dangers of bare soil



It's a real scandal: eroding soil is polluting Maine's waters.

Wherever you see bare soil, you're seeing water pollution just waiting to happen. Because without vegetation, dirt washes away every time it rains. And it ends up in our rivers, lakes and streams.

Dirt clogs waterways and destroys fishes' gills. It also carries oil, fertilizer, pesticides and other chemicals that contaminate the water and lead to shallower streams and scummy green lakes.

What can you do? The most important step is to minimize the time soil is exposed when you do construction or landscaping. You should also seed or mulch bare areas every day. For a long-term solution, plant shrubs and trees to create a buffer between your property and the water to filter out pollutants.

Learn more about what you can do to prevent soil erosion, and save our waters: call 1-800-452-1942.



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