City of Santa Barbara Storm Water Management Program (SWMP)

**TIER 1 – Small Projects**
Is your project ministerial (i.e. no design review) or discretionary residential (4 units or less) with <500 sq ft. of new or replaced impervious area, with no Planning Commission review?

- YES
  - Water quality improvements are voluntary
- NO
  - Basic Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMP) Requirements
    See Chapter 5 of the City’s Storm Water BMP Guidance Manual

**TIER 2 – Medium Projects**
Is your project
- a single family residential project (not Hillside Residential) with 500-4,000 sq ft. of new or replaced impervious area, and no Planning Commission review
- a multi-family residential project (4 units or less) with 500-4,000 sq ft. of new or replaced impervious area, and no Planning Commission Review
- a 500-4,000 sq ft. commercial or residential reroofing project
- a condo conversion of 4 units or less

- YES
  - Peak Runoff Discharge Rate Requirement
    Peak runoff discharge rate shall not exceed predevelopment rate up to the 25-year, 24-hour storm
  - Volume Reduction Requirement
    Retain on-site the larger of the two volumes:
    1) Difference between pre and post conditions, or
    2) the 1-inch 24-hr storm
  - Water Quality Treatment Requirement
    For volume based BMP, retain and treat the 1-inch, 24-hr storm.
    For flow based BMP, size for rainfall of 0.25in/hr for 4 hrs.
  - For more details, see Chapter 6 of the City’s Storm Water BMP Guidance Manual
  - NO
  - Does your project propose a reduction of impervious surfaces?
    - YES
      - Water Quality Treatment Requirement
        For volume based BMP, retain and treat the 1-inch, 24-hr storm.
        For flow based BMP, size for rainfall of 0.25in/hr for 4 hrs.
    - NO

**TIER 3 – Large Projects**
Is your project
- a discretionary project not included in Tier 1 or Tier 2
- commercial
- residential >4,000 sq ft. of new or replaced impervious area
- mixed use
- a parking lot of 10 or more spaces
- Hillside Residential
- a Public Works project

- YES
  - Does your project propose a reduction of impervious surfaces?
    - YES
      - Water Quality Treatment Requirement
        For volume based BMP, retain and treat the 1-inch, 24-hr storm.
        For flow based BMP, size for rainfall of 0.25in/hr for 4 hrs.
    - NO

Some projects are exempt from Tier 3 and Tier 2 Requirements
See Appendix J of the City’s Storm Water BMP Guidance Manual