



# Vacant Lots

## REQUIREMENTS FOR DUST CONTROL



### Vacant Lots and Air Pollution

Vacant lots can become a source of dust when undeveloped land is disturbed and becomes unstable. Wind-blown dust from vacant lots can contribute to air pollution and cause health problems for everyone.



### What are the Requirements?

The owner of any undeveloped or partially developed property is responsible for the condition of the lot.

- Ensure the lot is stabilized with an approved dust control measure.
- Do not let visible dust emissions cross the property line.
- If vehicles drive on the property, install curbs, berms, fences, signs, or other barriers to prevent trespassing.

If an area is found to be unstable, the property owner will be notified by mail. The owner then has 30 days to notify the Maricopa County Air Quality Department (MCAQD) how the area will be stabilized and 60 days to implement the approved dust control measure.



### Approved Dust Control Measures

- Apply water or other dust suppressant to the disturbed area.
- Apply and maintain gravel.
- Establish and maintain vegetation on the disturbed area.
- Restore the area to native conditions or conditions similar to nearby undisturbed areas.
- Apply an alternative control measure. Alternative control measures must be approved by MCAQD before implementation.

**Questions about Dust Control?** Contact MCAQD's Business Assistance Office at 602-506-5102.

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