Unpaved Parking Lots

Unpaved parking lots can easily become unstable and turn into sources of wind-blown dust. Parking lots typically do not need a dust control permit but must remain stabilized and kept from creating trackout.

Trackout is any bulk material (typically dirt or mud) that adheres to a motor vehicle and has fallen or been deposited onto a road or paved area accessible to the public.

What are the Requirements?

These requirements apply to any area that is not paved and is used for parking, maneuvering, or storing motor vehicles and equipment. Owners of these lots must comply with all of the following requirements:

- Clean up trackout immediately when it reaches 25 feet or more. Trackout measuring less than 25 feet must be cleaned by the end of the work day.
- Do not let visible dust emissions cross the property line.
- Do not allow visible emissions on the property to exceed 20 percent opacity.
- Apply an approved dust control measure.

Approved Dust Control Measures

All unpaved parking lots must implement one of the following control measures:

- Apply water and install/maintain a trackout control device (only applicable if the parking lot is used 35 days per year or less).
- Apply and maintain surface gravel.
- Install and maintain pavement.
- Apply a dust suppressant other than water and install/maintain a trackout control device.

A trackout control device can be a gravel pad, rumble grate, or wheel wash system located at an exit and used to control or prevent trackout.

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

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