



## ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS

# Recommended Dos and Don'ts for Post-Fire Mitigation

### DON'T...

- Walk, drive or ride bikes on fire-affected soils.
- Remove trees or brush unless they represent an immediate threat to health and safety.
- Divert runoff onto areas where it will cause flooding or damage to adjacent property.
- Disturb treated areas following application of straw mulch, erosion control blankets, hydraulic practices, seed or fiber rolls.



### DO...

- Minimize disturbance of fire-affected soils, especially slopes.
- Follow the City guidelines for installation of mitigation measures.
- Allow vegetation, including trees and brush, to grow through the winter before pruning or removing dead material.
- Protect slopes by mulching with weed-free straw and/or erosion control blanket.
- Place fiber rolls on the contour and not on an incline.
- Use sand bag barriers where the objective is to DIVERT water; for example, to prevent runoff from flowing down a burned slope.
- Place gravel bags where the objective is to FILTER water flow while retaining sediment and debris; for example, around storm drain inlets.
- Inspect mitigation measures before predicted rainfall of ½" or greater and after storms where accumulated rainfall exceeds ½".
- Regularly inspect sediment control devices, including check dams, gravel bag berms and brow ditches removing sediment when it has accumulated to 1/2 the height of the structure.

For more information about, or assistance with erosion and sediment control measures, call the City of San Diego's Engineering and Capital Projects' Field Engineering Division, Monday through Friday, 7a.m. – 5p.m.  
Ask for the Post-Fire Response team at (858) 627-3200.