

Construction site checklist

Job: _____ Address: _____ Start date: _____

Built from federal rules checked October 29, 2026. These are minimums. Your state plan, city, owner or contract can ask for more. This checklist isn't complete and isn't legal advice.

Before mobilization

☐	Stormwater permit lined up if the job disturbs 1 acre or more, or is part of a common plan that will.	EPA
☐	Underground utilities located and owners contacted before any excavation opens.	1926.651(b)
☐	Toilet count set from Table D-1 for the crew size.	1926.51(c)
☐	Potable water on site in closed containers with a tap.	1926.51(a)
☐	Containers for collecting and separating waste. Covers on garbage and oily, flammable or hazardous waste containers.	1926.25(c)
☐	2A extinguisher for each 3,000 sq ft of building area, 100 ft or less to reach one, one or more per floor.	1926.150(c)(1)

Day one, if the work calls for it

☐	Enclosed chute for material dropped more than 20 ft outside the walls.	1926.252(a)
☐	Floor hole drops: barricades at least 42 in high and 6 ft back, signs on each level.	1926.252(b)
☐	Trenches 4 ft or deeper: ladder, stairs or ramp within 25 ft of lateral travel.	1926.651(c)(2)
☐	Spoil and equipment at least 2 ft from excavation edges.	1926.651(j)(2)
☐	High visibility vests for anyone exposed to public traffic.	1926.651(d)
☐	10B extinguisher within 50 ft of more than 5 gal of flammable liquid or 5 lb of flammable gas.	1926.150(c)(1)(vi)
☐	Washing facilities near crews applying paint, coatings, herbicides or insecticides.	1926.51(f)

Every day

☐	Debris and nail-studded scrap cleared from work areas, passageways and stairs.	1926.25(a)
☐	Scrap and rubbish removed as the work progresses. Combustible debris out at regular intervals.	1926.252(c), 1926.25(b)
☐	Solvent waste, oily rags and flammable liquids in fire resistant covered containers.	1926.252(e)
☐	Excavations inspected by a competent person before work, as needed and after every rainstorm.	1926.651(k)
☐	Toilets checked. A toilet that isn't sanitary doesn't count toward the required number.	OSHA letter, May 17, 2006

Sources

29 CFR 1926.25, 1926.51, 1926.150, 1926.252 and 1926.651 at [ecfr.gov](https://www.ecfr.gov). U.S. EPA, Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities, [epa.gov](https://www.epa.gov). OSHA standard interpretation of May 17, 2006, [osha.gov](https://www.osha.gov).