Bay of Plenty Regional Council has recently updated our erosion and sediment control guidelines.

The new version – 'Erosion and Sediment Control Guideline for Land Disturbing Activities (2010/01)' provides better direction for controlling erosion and sediment from earthworks sites and development activities, both large and small.

Major areas of change in the new guideline include:

- Increased site assessment requirements when you apply for a resource consent (risk assessment).
- Improvements to existing erosion and sediment control measures.
- Ability to use treatment chemicals (flocculants) for discharges.
- Increased clarity about requirements for earthworks in winter.
- Southern Tauranga Harbour catchments that need more controls.

If you're involved in earthworks or activities that disturb land, please take the time to read the Guidelines. These guidelines are now considered Regional Council's best practice and will be incorporated into resource consent conditions.

