

Low Impact Development (LID) Requirements for Los Angeles County Fire Rebuilds



Low Impact Development (LID) is a design strategy using naturalistic, on-site Best Management Practices to lessen the impacts of development on stormwater quality and quantity. The goal of LID is to mimic the undeveloped runoff conditions of the development site with the post-development conditions.

“Impervious Surface” means any human-made or modified surface that prevents or significantly reduces the entry of water into the underlying soil, resulting in runoff from the surface in greater quantities and/or at an increased rate, when compared to natural conditions prior to development. Examples of places that commonly exhibit impervious surfaces include parking lots, driveways, roadways, storage areas and rooftops.

Small scale residential units (4 units or less)*

*Required for ALL Palisades rebuilds affecting more than 50 % of the existing impervious area

< 50% impervious area affected* - Project is Exempt

(Foundation removal and replacement in kind meets this criteria)

> 50% impervious area affected - Entire Project site must be LID Compliant

Must implement 2 of following into Site Drainage or Grading Plan

- Permeable Pavement
- Down Spout Routing to one of the following (Minimum 200 Gallon Capacity)
 - Cistern or Rain Barrel
 - Rain Garden or Planter Box
- Disconnect impervious surfaces
- Dry well (capable of infiltrating 200 gallons in 96 hours)
- Landscaping and Landscape irrigation (Install 2 -15 gallon trees, & Smart Controller)
- Green Roof



FAQ

If I replace my foundation in it's same location and do not increase impervious area, am I exempt?

Answer: If it is in the same location, it would be considered <50% impervious affected and therefore exempt.

The recording of the LID Covenant will delay my rebuild. Can this be deferred?

Answer: Yes, recording of the LID Covenant can be deferred but will be required prior to Certificate of Occupancy issuance.



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