



Working in Natural Areas: Best Management Practices for the Creative Industry

This Fact Sheet is intended to inform Creative Industry Professionals of the Environmental Best Management Practices that apply to set locations in natural areas in the City of Coquitlam.

More information on film locations and site considerations can be found at coquitlam.ca/FilmLocations.

Wildlife

Coquitlam is a [Bear Smart Community](#)

- Always maintain clean sites and do not leave wildlife attractants such as food, drinks, and garbage unsecured.
- Waste must be removed daily.

Birds

- Be mindful about [nesting season \(March 1 – August 31\)](#) – no disturbance to vegetation or loud noises during this time.

Spills and Special Effects

- Spill kits must be kept on site at all times.
- Secondary spill containment must be used under all generators or any equipment that can leak.
- Special effects materials must be reviewed and approved before use (Safety Data Sheets must be provided).

Solid Waste

- Ensure waste, [recyclable material](#) and operational hazardous materials are separated from disposable waste and removed and disposed of properly.

Spills or any incidents in violation of these best practices must be reported immediately to the City's Engineering Department at 604-927-3500 (24/7) and the Film Coordinator at 604-927-3548.

Working Near Watercourses

- Minimize disturbance in [watercourses](#).
- No equipment or structures to be brought into the water.
- Bank area may be utilized if there is no disruption to the vegetation or ground.
- No portable toilets are permitted near watercourses or in any areas where fluids may enter a watercourse.

Green Space

- Prevent the spread of invasive species - do not remove or bring in any vegetation or soil.
- Avoid heavy foot or machine traffic through soft or saturated soils.
- Do not store heavy machinery or equipment around root zones and watch for overhanging branches.

Reel Green Policy

Creative BC's Reel Green initiative is a climate action catalyst for film productions in the province. Reel Green provides resources to help productions reduce their environmental impacts and improve their overall environmental footprint. Please visit coquitlam.ca/ReelGreen for more details and additional resources.

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