



CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH / WATER QUALITY DEPARTMENT  
LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR PERMITTED PROJECTS  
*FAQ DOCUMENT*

1. ***Why is this checklist required?*** The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board requires that development projects make Low Impact Development (LID) considerations.
2. ***What is the purpose of this checklist?*** This checklist is a record that the project applicant considered certain Low Impact Development (LID) criteria in their project design.
3. ***What is Low Impact Development (LID)?*** This is a design or strategy that maintains the natural drainage characteristics of the project site to lessen environmental impacts of rainwater runoff. LID encourages design techniques to infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, and detain rainwater.
4. ***What are Stormwater BMPs?*** Best Management Practices (BMPs) are activities, procedures, or practices that prevent adverse impacts of storm runoff from a developed property. Impacts could be sediment transport, erosion, or pollution to the environment.
5. ***What do you need to put in the box by each question?*** For each question, indicate in the box next to the question either: "Yes", "Inf" for infeasible, or "N/A" for not applicable.
6. ***When would you indicate "infeasible"?*** When the requirement is not recommended due to site conditions, or other reasons. For example, it may not be feasible to disconnect impervious areas to allow for water to infiltrate because of a determination that the slope or soil conditions are not ideal.
7. ***When would you indicate "not applicable or N/A"?*** When the question does not apply to the project. For example, if there are no outdoor material storage areas then the answer pertaining to that question would be "N/A".
8. ***Is it required to answer all the questions and sign the document?*** Yes
9. ***Who should sign the checklist?*** Ideally it will be the property owner, engineer, or architect in charge of designing the project.
10. ***Where is the completed checklist filed?*** Ideally the checklist will be filed with the project records and if the project moves forward to obtain a permit, the checklist will be part of the real property report (RPR).

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