

# Check Dams

## *The Good.....*



Properly installed check dams can reduce the velocity of storm water reducing erosion.

## *The Bad.....*



Straw bales are not allowed to be used as check dams.



Improperly installed check dams will end around causing even more gully erosion. In addition, poorly seeded areas can reduce the effectiveness of the check dams.



## *And the Ugly.....*



Straw bales used as a check dam that failed. Gullies have formed in the channel.



Failed seeding where check dams were needed.



Placing silt fence in a drainage way to act as a check dam is not allowed.