



Soil and Fill Placement and Removal

What to Consider Before Placing Soil or Fill

No excavation or placement of fill shall be undertaken or placed in areas subject to hazardous conditions. Prior to placing or removing any soil or fill within the RDCO it is important to know if your property is within an Development Permit Area (DPA). If your property is within a DPA, a permit may be required from the RDCO before any land alteration occurs. You can determine if your property is located within a DPA by using the RDCO Mapping resource or by contacting the RDCO Planning Services Department:



(250) 469-6227



planning@rdco.com



Mapping:

<https://gis-rdco.hub.arcgis.com/>

DP Areas:

<https://www.rdco.com/en/busines-and-land-use/development-permit-areas.aspx>

It is important to check the State of Title Certificate (Title) of your property to ensure there are no restrictive covenants registered to the Title which may restrict vegetation removal or identify any geotechnical concerns. You can obtain a copy of the Title of your property as well as any restrictive covenants from the BC Land Title & Survey office website: <https://ltsa.ca/>

Soil and Fill in the ALR

If your property is within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), please refer to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Act regulations regarding fill. Under the Act, a person who intends to place fill or remove soil may be required to file a Notice of Intent with the ALC at least 60 days before engaging in the soil or fill activities. A person may also be required to submit a Soil Use for Placement of Fill or Removal of Soil application with subsequent approvals from local government and ALC prior to the activity.

Hillside DP Areas

Areas within the RDCO that have a slope greater than or equal to 30% are designated as Hillside DP Areas. These areas are considered hazardous, environmental, and visually sensitive lands and a no-build/ no-disturb covenant may be required prior to development of the land.

Specific Guidelines

- A plan of site remediation including but not limited to; sensitive grading, erosion control, and soil amelioration, prepared by a qualified professional (engineer, landscape architect, forester) should be provided in advance of any site grading;
- Roads, access, and driveways should follow topography and avoid excessive cut and fills. Cut and fill slopes and road construction should be safe and not create a hazard of debris torrent or landslide.