

# Moving Dirt

## When do I need a permit?

### All Disturbance Activities...

- Title 25 PA Code Chapter 102 governs all earth disturbance activities
- Regardless of a projects size, all disturbed areas require erosion controls (seed and mulch, silt fence, etc.)
- Disturbance size determines if a site requires 102 permitting
  - Less than 5,000 sq. ft. - Needs controls in place
  - Over 5,000 sq. ft. - Written E&S plan on site and controls in place
  - 1 acre or more - NPDES Permit is required
- No projects or entities are exempt from Chapter 102 requirements
- Disturbance is calculated over the life of the project and phased construction does **not** exempt you from permitting
- Disturbance calculations should include all parking areas, new building footprints, driveways, access roads, rough grading, landscaping, etc.

### Commercial/Industrial Sites

### Agricultural Activities

Agriculture tilling and plowing activities do not require earth disturbance permitting, but may require Ag Erosion and Sedimentation Control plans. All other agriculture disturbance activities are to be considered development and could require permitting.

### Residential/Single Family Sites

### Municipal Activities

General road maintenance activities such as grading, ditching, culvert repair and cleaning may require permits when maintenance disturbs more than **25** acres. If roads are modified or expanded outside of the original cross-section, or the municipality is conducting earth disturbance, other than maintenance activities, a permit may be needed when those activities equal or exceed **1** acre.

### Timber Harvesting

Permits are needed when the harvest site has **25** acres or more of disturbance including but not limited to, skid trails, haul roads, grubbed and landing areas, and any access roads.

The information provided is only intended to provide a landowner with general information that outlines possible permitting requirements. By no means should this document be used to make a final determination on permitting requirements. Contact GCCD for further guidance and assistance.



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