

## **EARTHWORK AND TREE REMOVAL INFORMATION**

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If you are preparing to do some earthwork or tree removal on your property, this bulletin can help you to determine what land use regulations apply to your site.

*\*The following information is meant to provide general information and guidance into basic land clearing, grading, excavating, filling and tree removal requirements in accordance with official City regulations only and is not intended to be all inclusive. Furthermore, the following does not include information pertaining to environmentally sensitive area requirements or other land use and building permit requirements and procedures. These requirements can and do sometimes change after action by the City Council. Interested parties should always verify current requirements with the City Planning Department.*

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### **WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?**

A land clearing, grading, filling, excavation and tree removal permit is required for the following activities:

- Land clearing, grading, filling, excavation or filling which requires the use of a bulldozer, back-hoe, bobcat or other similar riding earthmoving equipment;
- Land clearing, filling, excavation or grading activities over fifty cubic yards;
- Land clearing, filling, excavation or grading activities, which include a cut of three feet or more or a fill of two feet or more.
- Land clearing, filling, excavation or grading activities, which occur in or near a designated sensitive area, such as a wetland, stream corridor, steep slope or any associated sensitive area buffers. *\*Work of this nature may require a sensitive areas work permit rather than a land clearing or tree removal permit. Please contact the Planning Department for additional clarification.*

Routine vegetation maintenance and removal of ground cover, within fifty feet of the primary building, when done for the purposes of general property and utility maintenance, landscaping or gardening, does not require a land clearing or tree removal permit. Any activity that requires the use of earthmoving equipment or will be performed in a designated sensitive area will require a permit, regardless of its location on site.

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A more comprehensive profile of applicable current land use regulations for specific parcels can be obtained from the City. A written request that identifies the property by address and legal description is required. Please allow at least two weeks for the written response.

**For more information, please contact:**

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