



**Boulder County
Land Use Department
Publications**

Grading Permit Requirements

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Office Hours:
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M, W, TH, F
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

Building Permits can be applied for
and issued until 4 p.m.

Grading Permit Requirements

Grading permits must be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Division, the Transportation and Engineering Department, and Building Safety and Inspection Services.

When is a Grading Permit Required?

For grading, excavation, or placement of fill in excess of 50 cubic yards, a grading permit is required.

Exceptions:

1. Grading for access, basements, footings done in association with a valid building permit.
2. Cemetery graves.
3. Refuse disposal sites controlled by other regulations.
4. Excavations for wells, septic systems, or for placement of utilities.
5. Mining or quarrying (a Special Use Review & Limited Impact Review will be required).
6. Excavations & borings for soils tests done under the direction of a soils engineer when approved by the Building Official.
7. Normal agricultural grading excluding irrigation ponds more than 24" deep and grading within floodplains.

Schedule a Pre-application Conference

Schedule a pre-application conference with a Land Use Department staff planner at 303-441-3930. Your project will qualify for one of the following review processes:

- Grading Permit
- Site Plan Review
- Site Plan Review Waiver
- Limited Impact Special Review

Submittal & Application Requirements

When you are ready to submit your grading permit, please provide:

1. Grading permit application (available at the Building Inspection Division Counter).
2. Grading Plans. Which include the following:
 - Contours that indicate existing grade and finished grade.
 - Calculations of the grading, excavation, or placement of fill to be moved.
 - Grading Plans for a Limited Impact Special Use Review must be sealed by a qualified Colorado-licensed engineer.
3. Contact Building Safety and Inspections Services for fee information at 303-441-3926.

Other Requirements

State law requires you to contact the Utility Notification Center of Colorado at 800-922-1987 before performing any earthwork.