

# GRADING

is defined as any of the following:

- (1) Cut + Fill of at least 50 cubic yards
- (2) Cut + Fill of at least 20 cubic yards (if in a watercourse)
- (3) Removal of one acre of vegetation.

...but not all grading requires a grading permit.

<p><b>EXEMPT GRADING</b></p> <p><i>Just do it...</i></p>	<p><b>AG GRADING</b></p> <p><i>Fill out a form, then do it...</i></p>	<p><b>ALTERNATIVE REVIEW</b></p> <p><i>Get clearance from us, then work with the RCD to do it...</i></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Ongoing cultivation activities.</li> <li>(2) Small grading projects (&lt;50 cubic yards and &lt;1 acre)</li> <li>(3) Grading in support of crop production on previously cultivated lands.</li> <li>(4) Removal of vegetation in an area previously grazed for the purposes of rangeland improvements.</li> <li>(5) Removal of less than 1 acre of vegetation.</li> <li>(6) Grading for rangeland improvements on previously grazed lands.</li> <li>(7) New agricultural roads within or on the perimeter of fields for crop production.</li> <li>(8) Repairing or maintaining an existing agricultural road.</li> <li>(9) Development of water sources and water lines.</li> <li>(10) Drainage improvements to existing fields and rangeland.</li> <li>(11) Clearance of vegetation for fire safety purposes.</li> <li>(12) Stream restoration under permit by another agency.</li> <li>(13) Repairing or maintaining an agricultural facility</li> <li>(14) Importation of materials for repair/maintenance purposes.</li> <li>(15) Importation of materials for water source and pipeline purposes.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Grading to create a new field for crop production on slopes up to 30 percent.</li> <li>(2) Removal of more than 1 acre of vegetation** on slopes up to 30 percent.</li> <li>(3) Grading for rangeland improvements on slopes up to 30 percent.</li> <li>(4) Drainage improvements for fields and rangeland on slopes up to 30 percent.</li> <li>(5) Small agricultural reservoirs below grade and less than 1 acre-foot.</li> <li>(6) Restoration of upland areas.</li> <li>(7) Importation or exportation of up to 2,000 cubic yards of material (must be for exempt agricultural purpose).</li> </ol> <div data-bbox="565 1633 1307 1942" style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p>The following <b>ALWAYS</b> require a grading permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pads for structures</li> <li>• Equestrian facilities</li> <li>• Nursery specialties</li> <li>• Ag ponds, dams, reservoirs (except small ag reservoirs)</li> <li>• Cannabis cultivation activities</li> <li>• Use of an agricultural road to access a residence (as-built)</li> </ul> </div>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Grading for vineyards, orchards, and other crop production on slopes &gt;30 percent.</li> <li>(2) Removal of vegetation** to open new lands to grazing, cultivation, or crop production on slopes &gt;30 percent.</li> <li>(3) Grading for rangeland improvements on slopes &gt;30 percent.</li> <li>(4) New agricultural roads*</li> <li>(5) Drainage improvements for fields and rangeland on slopes &gt;30 percent</li> <li>(6) Recreational trails</li> <li>(7) Waste management systems</li> <li>(8) Restoration in/near streams where no other agencies provide permitting.</li> <li>(9) Importation or exportation of more than 2,000 cubic yards (for an agricultural purpose).</li> </ol> <p>* - Ag Commissioner review            ** - Oak tree regulations may apply</p>