

Moving Soil? The Rules for Soil Relocation in BC Have Changed



What you should know before moving more than 30 cubic metres of soil from a commercial or industrial property:

KNOW YOUR SITE

If certain commercial or industrial uses described in [Schedule 2](#) of the BC Contaminated Sites Regulation have taken place at the source site, then the new soil relocation process must be followed. A Qualified Professional (QP) should be retained to conduct a records review to help identify past or present activities of concern.

SOIL QUALITY

Soil testing is required if one or more Schedule 2 activities are identified at the source site. A soil vapour assessment may also be required if soil does not meet specific soil quality criteria. Site owners/operators are responsible for retaining a QP to ensure that soil quality is adequately characterized prior to relocating soil.

NOTIFICATION

Notification must be provided to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy at least one week prior to moving soil. Notification is provided online via a [Soil Relocation Notification Form](#) which must be prepared by a QP. Additional requirements apply if soil is not suitable for the receiving site.

EXEMPTIONS

The new soil relocation process does not apply to:

- Receiving sites that are out-of-province or non-reserve federal land
- Quarry material meeting specific requirements
- Preload originating from non-Schedule 2 sites
- Winter maintenance sand
- Less than 30 m³ of soil being relocated over a two-year period

HOW CAN WE HELP?

At Trillium, we understand that time and cost are key factors influencing the success of your project. We will leverage our experience and professional network to help you find the right solution for your soil relocation project so that it is executed efficiently while ensuring relevant regulatory requirements are being met.

FOR MORE INFO:

Contact us today to learn more about the new soil relocation process and how we can assist you on your next project. We have the advice you are looking for.

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