RESIDENTIAL GRADING REQUIREMENTS

Please note: If you are grading a small portion of your property to install a garden or a minimal amount of landscaping, no grading permit is required.

If you are grading a piece of property in order to build a residential building, or are planning to build within 6 months, you must first obtain a building permit from the Building Inspection Department.

If you are being asked to clear land in order to evaluate a site for a septic system, you may cut trees, brush and other vegetation without a grading permit as long as the root base and soil are not disturbed.

If you are grading, clearing or grubbing a large piece of property (one acre or more) with no building planned within 6 months, a grading permit from the Engineering Division may be required. Please contact the Engineering Division at 770-531-6800.

In all cases, the property owner is responsible for maintaining proper erosion and sedimentation control to insure that no sediment leaves the property. Additionally, it is the property owner’s responsibility to maintain a 50’ stream buffer along all streams and follow all regulations prior to performing any work within a flood plain.

For more information, please contact the Building Inspection Department at the Hall County Government Center, 2875 Browns Bridge Road, 3rd Floor, or call the department at 770-531-6809.