

Wet soil may delay grading season in basin

Grading season in the Lake Tahoe Basin may be delayed in some areas because of how wet the ground is.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency does not allow soil to be moved until May 1 for erosion reasons.

Officials warn if groundwater is hit while digging, then stop and call your project inspector.

Soil disturbing activities must be suspended during times of precipitation and are not allowed if soil at the project site is covered in snow, saturated, or muddy.

Grading season runs from May 1 through Oct. 15.

Projects that disturb more than 7 cubic yards of soil must apply for a grading permit. Forms are available **online**. Projects that disturb between 3 and 7 cubic yards of soil must notify TRPA with a qualified exempt activity form available **online**.