

Soil Removal Planning Guide

Estimating, sorting, and moving excavated soil off site

Before you dig

- 1 Measure the planned trench**
Note length, depth, and width to build a rough volume estimate.
- 2 Request a locate for the full run**
Cover the entire trench path, not just the start and end points.
- 3 Plan where sorted piles will sit**
Leave separate space for clean soil and anything that may need a closer look.

While you dig

- 1 Watch for changes in the soil**
Colour, smell, or debris mixed in are all worth noting as you go.
- 2 Keep unusual sections separate**
Do not mix anything questionable into the main pile.
- 3 Photograph the trench in sections**
A visual record helps if questions come up later about what came from where.

Moving it off site

- 1 Account for swell in your bin size**
Loosened soil takes up more room than it did compacted in the trench.
- 2 Ask before loading anything unusual**
Confirm what the receiving facility accepts before it goes in the bin.
- 3 Keep heavier material in mind for weight limits**
Wet soil is heavier by volume than typical yard debris.

Estimate it, sort it, and size the haul for the whole trench.

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