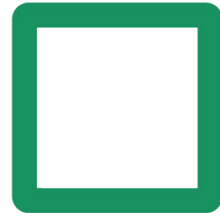


## DO I NEED AN EROSION CONTROL PLAN?

- ⇒ If you are disturbing 1 or more acres of land or
- ⇒ If you are building on multiple lots in a common development and the total aggregated land disturbance is over 1 acre.<sup>2</sup>

If you answered **YES** to either question, you are required to obtain an Erosion Control Permit from Rowan County.



No



Yes

### EXEMPTIONS:<sup>1</sup>

- ◆ Land that is in Present-Use Agriculture
- ◆ Land that is being timbered under a Forestry Plan and/or implements Forestry Approved BMPs. ***If the property is being stumped and grubbed it is in violation and is not exempt.***
- ◆ Land that is part of a publicly funded project using tax dollars and has an approved Erosion Control Permit through NCDEQ.

### NOT EXEMPT:

- ◆ If it is your own property.
- ◆ If you are disturbing separate parcels that do not share a common boundary but are part of a common development.
- ◆ If you are clearing for timber but begin to **stump and grubb** (*removing the stumps and root matter that are currently helping to stabilize the soil*).
- ◆ If you have disturbed under 1 acre, but have committed egregious violations of the local ordinance.
- ◆ If you want to phase out a larger project and only plan to disturb less than 1 acre at a time, but then move to the next disturbed area with only early stages of stabilization in the previously disturbed area. The previous area must be completely stabilized using permanent perennial vegetation. ***Please note that spreading seed and straw is not permanent stabilization.***<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Note that EXEMPTIONS still require the landowner to perform land-disturbing activities in a responsible manner, implementing proper erosion control measures and practices.