



***SOIL DEPOSIT, REMOVAL AND TRANSPORT LAW***  
***SUMMARY (May, 2022)***

**Purpose**

The purpose of the *Soil Deposit, Removal and Transport Law* is to provide details and regulation for the protection of the environment on Cheam Lands in relation to the movement of soil. One of the main goals is to prevent dumping of contaminated soil.

**Background**

Cheam has the authority to regulate land uses and activities under our Land Codes, which came into effect in September 2016. Council is authorized to pass various laws and regulations relating to the protection, management and regulation of our lands.

This draft law was developed and reviewed by the Cheam Lands Advisory Committee and legal counsel. It was posted for community comment and revisions were made based on comments received. The law is now recommended to Council and the community.

**The following is a list of the key points in the Law:**

- The Law applies to all deposits, removals and transportation of soil and any type of fill.
- In general, nobody is allowed to deposit, remove or transport soil or fill from, on or through Cheam Reserve Lands without a permit.
- Soil includes soil, sand, gravel, rock and other materials.
- A permit is required for most types of deposits, removals and transportation but there are some exemptions.
- Permits are not required for small loads of less than 10 m<sup>3</sup> of clean, uncontaminated soil, or for soil that is commercially bagged or sold from a facility approved by Cheam.
- Any soil or fill brought in has to be clean and uncontaminated.
- There is a detailed process for ensuring that any imported soil or fill is clean and uncontaminated. Major projects may require engineering and the posting of a bond.
- There are potential fines of up to \$200,000 for major environmental damage and lesser fines for lesser offenses.
- Cheam may issue stop-work orders to anyone who is violating the law.

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