

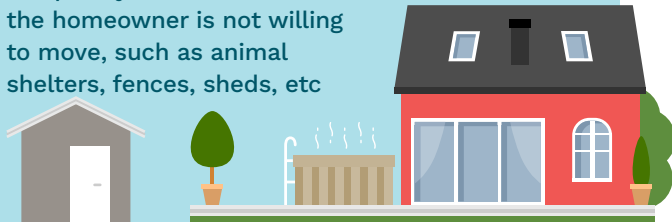
Soil Management: **What's Excluded?**

This handout lists the areas that are excluded from soil management in THEP's Soil Management Program (SMP). The soil exposure risk in excluded areas is low because they are hard to reach or have permanent cover. In some cases work in these areas could create hazards.

PERMANENT STRUCTURES

The Community Program Office (CPO) team cannot test or manage soil under permanent structures. This includes:

- ✗ Buildings with permanent foundations
- ✗ Decks with limited access underneath (less than three feet clearance)
- ✗ Pools/hot tubs, or structures that cannot be moved
- ✗ Temporary structures that the homeowner is not willing to move, such as animal shelters, fences, sheds, etc



CONCRETE OR OTHER PERMANENT COVER

THEP cannot test or manage soil under permanent cover that's in good condition. This includes:

- ✗ Driveways
- ✗ Sidewalks
- ✗ Patios
- ✗ Parking structures
- ✗ Some pavers



TERRACES OR RETAINING WALLS

CPO cannot test or manage soil under, or adjacent to, permanent landscape structures. This includes:

- ✗ Retaining walls
- ✗ Rock walls
- ✗ Rock gardens



LARGE TREES, BUSHES OR SHRUBS

CPO cannot manage soil within the dripline or root ball of large trees, bushes or shrubs. This includes:

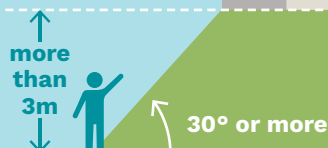
- ✗ Forested areas
- ✗ Bushes or shrubs that the Homeowner would like to keep
- ✗ Roots near house foundations, retaining walls, gas lines, etc.
- ✗ If Homeowner would like to remove trees they are responsible for removal and disposal prior to soil management



STEEP SLOPES

CPO cannot manage soil above, on, or below steep slopes that don't meet building code standards for steep slopes. This includes:

- ✗ Slopes greater than 3 metres in height or 30 degrees in slope



OTHER LESS COMMON EXCLUSION AREAS

CPO cannot test or manage soil in, around, or under the following:

- ✗ Aquatic features (e.g. pond)
- ✗ Septic systems
- ✗ Home heating oil tanks
- ✗ Underground utilities (other than sprinkler systems)

