



City of Laguna Hills Matrix to Determine if a Soils Report and/or a Field Memo is Required

Project Type	Project Size	Design Soil Bearing Pressure ≤ 1500 psf for continuous and /or pad footing only	Foundation Clearance from Top of Slope per Figure 1808 .7.1	Both Soils Report & Field Memo Required	Field Memo Required Prior to Foundation Inspection	Neither Soils Report or Field Memo Required
New Building or Addition including attached Misc. Structures	≥ 1000 sqft	N/A	N/A	✓		
	from 401 to 1000 sqft	✓	✓		✓	
	≤ 400 sqft	✓	✓			✓
Detached Misc. Structures (Includes Patio Covers, decks, etc.)	> 400 sqft	$>1,500$ psf	✓	✓		
		✓	✓		✓	
		N/A	Closer than minimum required	✓		
	≤ 400 sqft	✓	✓			✓
Retaining Walls	≤ 6 ft	✓	✓		✓ (*)	
	> 6 ft	N/A	N/A	✓		
Two Story Additions	Any size			✓		

(*) Back fill 30 degree triangle with crushed rock; Perforated drain pipe provided at bottom of crushed rock fill; back fill is level and does not support any structures.

Variance or exceptions to these requirements will be reviewed and approved on a case by case basis by the Deputy Building Official or Building Official.