



Got Permits?

for Land Resources Management Projects

Your construction project may require one or more permits from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in addition to local permits that may be required. For projects that do not require a permit, there may be guidelines that you must follow during construction. This chart is intended to include the most common building project types. It is the responsibility of the property owner and contractor to understand all local, state, and federal laws for any given project.

Prior to	When working here	You need this approval
Installing / repairing a dock, boat lift, or any other type of shoreline structure	Any lake, pond, river, or stream	Wetlands Permit
Impacting the bank of any waterbody (i.e. bank stabilization or constructing or repairing retaining walls)	On or within the bank of any lake, pond, river, or stream	
Constructing a new beach or replenishing beach sand	Adjacent to any waterbody	
Dredging, filling, or constructing new structures	Within any jurisdictional wetland , including: the bed of a swamp, bog, marsh, forested wetland, tidal buffer zone, or sand dune	
Timber harvesting	Crossing any stream or wetland	
Tree cutting or vegetation maintenance / removal	Within 150 feet of waterbodies protected under the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act	No permit required but must retain vegetation within limits described within the Vegetation Maintenance fact sheet
Applying fertilizer	Within 250 feet of waterbodies protected under the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act	No permit required but the phosphorous component must be no greater than two percent
Constructing new structures such as residential dwellings, sheds, or driveways		Shoreland Impact Permit
Earth moving or excavation with a total impact greater than 50,000 square feet		Shoreland Impact Permit & Alteration of Terrain Permit
Earth moving or excavation with an impact greater than 100,000 square feet	Anywhere	Alteration of Terrain Permit
Executing a purchase and sales agreement on waterfront property	Contiguous to or within 200 feet of waterbodies protected under the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act	Site Assessment Study
Building a residential dwelling, converting to year-round use, adding bedrooms, or expanding living space	Anywhere not serviced by municipal sewer	Septic System Construction Approval & Septic System Operational Approval
Subdividing land for single-family, condominium, apartment, or campground		Subdivision Approval
Subdividing for non-domestic septic, higher loads, or setback issues		Groundwater Discharge Permit
Installing a well closer than 75 feet to a septic system	Anywhere	Must file a Recorded Well Release
Supplying water for 25 or more people 60 or more days a year	Anywhere not serviced by municipal water	Community Well Siting & Engineering Design Approval
Withdrawing greater than 57,600 gallons per day of groundwater from one or more wells	Anywhere	Large Groundwater Withdrawal Permit



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