



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM — CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT	Proposed construction of new public water systems or improvements or modifications to existing public water systems consisting of distribution, storage, treatment, collection, or connection of a water source must be reviewed by the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division for compliance with state and federal drinking water standards for public health protection.
EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY	New public water system construction, water line replacement or system expansion, new fire hydrants or blow-off valves, storage tank or pump station modification/construction require a permit.
CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION	A permit is required for proposed construction of a new public water system, conversion of a non-public to a public water system, or modifications to an existing public water system, except for minor system additions such as replacement of hydrants on existing distribution line(s), single pipe extensions of less than 500 feet, minor alterations or maintenance of an existing water system which would not in and of themselves affect the quality and quantity of water service rendered, providing work is done according to the Vermont Standards for Water System Design, Construction, and Protection (Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule).
INFORMATION REQUIRED	An application for a construction permit shall be made on an application form provided by the Secretary, signed by the responsible person, and shall be accompanied by, but not limited to, maps and detailed plans and specifications of the public water system requiring a permit prepared by or under the direction of a Registered Professional Engineer.
WEB ADDRESS	https://dec.vermont.gov/water/drinking-water/public-drinking-water-systems
FEES	\$900.00 per application for Community and Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems; \$500 per application for Transient Non-Community water systems. For water treatment plants, the fee is \$0.003 per gallon of design capacity. Amendments \$150.00 per application. There is no longer an exemption from the construction permit application fee for projects that are funded by the State Revolving Loan Fund. All construction permit applications are subject to the respective application fees.
APPLICATION TIME FRAME	The performance standard for processing a complete application is 120 days.

**ADMINISTERING
AGENCY**

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AUTHORITY 10 VSA Chapters 48, 56 and 18 VSA §1218.

**APPLICABLE
RULES** Environmental Protection Rules, Chapter 21,
[Adopted Water Supply Rule](#) - effective December 1, 2010

**APPEAL
PROCESS** Effective January 31, 2005, within 30 days of the date of an act or decision, any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the secretary, or any party by right, may appeal to the environmental court in accordance with the provisions of [10 VSA Chapter 220](#).

OTHER PERMITS New systems and those adding a source may need a Source Permit (Sheet [23](#))
All systems need an Operating Permit and Certified Operator (Sheets [21](#) & [24](#))

Request a Project Review Sheet from a [Permit Specialist](#).