



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT**

<b>SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT</b>	The Agency of Natural Resources issues a permit for new, or increased, withdrawals of groundwater of greater than 57,600 gallons per day, when that withdrawal was created or increased after July 1, 2010.
<b>EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY</b>	Groundwater withdrawal for snow making, beverage production, industrial processing, commercial car washes, wood product manufacturing, golf course watering, mine dewatering.
<b>CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION</b>	Any person using the groundwater withdrawal for other than: a public water system (as that term is defined in V.S.A. title 10, section 1671; fire suppression; public safety; farming; dairy processing or milk handling; standing column geothermal energy production; or domestic, residential use.
<b>INFORMATION REQUIRED</b>	Applications are available on-line at the below website address. At a minimum the applicant shall provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. legal ownership or control of the water source</li> <li>B. location of the withdrawal</li> <li>C. purpose of the withdrawal</li> <li>D. water source construction information</li> <li>E. maximum and average water quantity to be withdrawn per day, per month, and per year</li> <li>F. the place of the return flow for the withdrawn water</li> <li>G. inventory of pre-existing water uses in the area</li> <li>H. inventory of actual and potential sources of contamination</li> <li>I. public meetings and public notification of the project</li> <li>J. how the water will be efficiently used</li> <li>K. conceptual hydro-geologic model and water budget</li> <li>L. that the withdrawal is consistent with town and regional plans</li> <li>M. that no undue adverse effects will occur to other water uses (such other water withdrawals and wetlands)</li> <li>N. that the withdrawal will not violate Vermont water quality standards</li> </ul>
<b>WEB ADDRESS</b>	<a href="https://dec.vermont.gov/water/groundwater/groundwater-large-withdrawal">https://dec.vermont.gov/water/groundwater/groundwater-large-withdrawal</a>
<b>FEES</b>	\$2,300.00 per year. \$110.00 for permit amendments.
<b>APPLICATION TIME FRAME</b>	Internal processing time for a completed application is 180 days. Due to the applicant's necessary public notification process, source testing, coordination efforts, and final report completion, the total permit time may take approximately 360 days to be issued.

**ADMINISTERING  
AGENCY**

**AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DIVISION**

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**AUTHORITY**

10 V.S.A. Chapter 48, Subchapter 6

**APPLICABLE  
RULES**

Environmental Protection Regulations, Chapter 24, Groundwater Withdrawal Reporting and Permitting Rule

**APPEAL  
PROCESS**

Denials of Groundwater Withdrawal Permits may be appealed to the Secretary of the Agency. Within 30 days of the date of an act or decision, any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the secretary may appeal to the Environmental Division of the Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of [10 VSA Chapter 220](#).

**OTHER  
PERMITS**

Contact a [Permit Specialist](#) for a Project Review Sheet.

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