



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**SNOWMAKING WATER WITHDRAWAL RULES**

**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT**                      The snowmaking rules define the criteria used to determine acceptable conservation flows when the Agency evaluates proposals for new or expanded snowmaking systems. The rules set forth annual water use reporting requirements, and, through a separate guidance document, information to be included in alternatives analyses.

**EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY**                      Development of a new water intake for snowmaking, or infrastructure changes to an existing snowmaking system that trigger regulatory review under the programs listed below.

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**AUTHORITY**    10 V.S.A. Chapter 41, Subchapter 3: Water Withdrawal for Snowmaking  
<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/10/041>

**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 AND APPROVALS**                      Activities related to snowmaking water withdrawals may require permits from any of the following programs: dam safety (10 V.S.A. Chapter 43), stream alterations or flow regulation (10 V.S.A. Chapter 41), Act 250 (10 V.S.A. Chapter 151), or water quality certifications issued under Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act.

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

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