



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

WETLANDS PERMIT

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	The purpose of this program is to protect significant wetlands in Vermont. The Vermont Wetland Rules establish a three-tier classification system for wetlands.
EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY	Placement of fill for an access road, land clearing, excavation of ponds. Any activity within the wetland or 50-foot buffer zone.
CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION	Class I and Class II wetlands are designated significant wetlands based on the function and value they provide. The Vermont Wetland Rules (VWR) refer to criteria for presuming a wetland is significant under Section 4.6 of the VWR which includes connection to other surface waters, size of a half-acre or more, and mapped wetlands. Classification can be assigned by the Secretary for mapped or unmapped wetlands through a Wetland Determination. Activities that are allowed within the significant wetlands and their adjacent buffer zones are listed in Section 6 of the VWR, provided there is no draining, dredging, filling, grading or alteration of the water flow. All uses that are not allowed uses require either an Individual Wetland Permit or a Vermont Wetland General Permit. If an individual is unsure whether a permit is required, they should contact their District Wetland Ecologist.
INFORMATION REQUIRED	Application forms for permits and determinations are available from the Vermont Wetlands Office, website, and from our website.
WEB ADDRESS	http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/wetlands
FEES	<p>Minimum Application Fee \$240.00 PLUS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) \$0.75 per square foot of proposed impact to Class I or II wetlands; (B) \$0.25 per square foot of proposed impact to Class I or II wetland buffers; (C) Maximum fee, for the conversion of Class II wetlands or wetland buffers to cropland use, \$200.00 per application. "Cropland" means land that is used for the production of agricultural crops, including row crops, fibrous plants, pasture, fruit-bearing bushes, trees or vines and the production of Christmas trees; (D) Clearing and maintenance of forested wetland corridors for utility lines, pipelines and ski trails: \$0.25 per square foot of proposed impact.
APPLICATION TIME FRAME	The performance standard for processing a complete application is 90 days without a meeting and 120 days with a meeting.

**ADMINISTERING
AGENCY**

<p>AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION WATERSHED MANAGEMENT DIVISION</p> <p>CONTACT: Contact your regional District Wetlands Ecologist for site-specific questions (802) 490-6195 ANR.WSMDWetlands@vermont.gov</p> <p>ADDRESS: Watershed Management Division 1 National Life Drive, Davis 3 Montpelier, VT 05620-3522</p>

AUTHORITY

10 V.S.A. § 905(a)(7-9) & V.S.A. § 2822(j)(26)

**APPLICABLE
RULES**

[Vermont Wetland Rules](#)
Effective February 23, 1990, and amended April 1, 2017

**APPEAL
PROCESS**

Any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the Secretary may appeal to the Environmental Court within 30 days of the date of the act or decision in accordance with [10 VSA Chapter 220](#) and the Vermont Rules of Environmental Court Proceedings.

**OTHER PERMITS
AND APPROVALS**

Contact a Permit Specialist for a Project Review Sheet, see:
<http://dec.vermont.gov/environmental-assistance/permits>.