



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**AQUATIC NUISANCE CONTROL (ANC) PERMITS**

**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT**                      A permit is required for activities used to control nuisance aquatic plants, insects or other aquatic life including lamprey in waters of the State of Vermont.

**EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY**                      Activities requiring a permit under this program include the use of pesticides and chemicals other than pesticides; the use of Aquashade; the use of biological controls; the installation of bottom barriers to inhibit nuisance plants; the use of powered mechanical devices such as mechanical weed harvesters, suction harvesters and hydrorakes; and the use of structural controls. Permits may be issued for up to 5 years for pesticides, Aquashade, copper-based products or chemicals other than pesticides. Permits for bottom barriers, powered mechanical devices, structural controls or biological controls may be issued for up to 10 years.

**CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION**                      All of the activities listed above require an ANC permit except:

- The use of copper-based products for the control of algae in ponds one acre or less in size, located entirely on one individual’s property, and with an outlet where the flow can be controlled for at least three days after treatment.
- Hand pulling of nuisance plants does not require a permit.
- Activities to control mosquitoes are regulated by the Agency of Agriculture; Food and Markets. Contact: Jon Turmel at (802) 828-3490.
- The use of “pond clarifiers” or products sold under various trade names that according to the labels “reduce sludge, odors, and excess nutrients.” However, since use of these products involves application into State waters, a discharge permit is needed for their use. Contact the VT DEC Wastewater Management Division at 802-828-1535 for information.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED**                      Application forms for each activity are available at:  
<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/permit/control/aquatic-nuisance-control>

**FEES**                      Projects in Private Waters per Application:  
 Bottom Barriers, Powered Mechanical Devices .....\$ 35.00  
 Aquatic Pesticide Aquashade, and  
     Copper-Compounds used as Algaecides .....\$ 50.00  
 Structural Controls, Biological Controls.....\$ 75.00  
 All other Pesticides and Chemicals.....\$ 75.00

Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage  
 under [ANC General Permit](#) .....\$ 25.00

Projects in All Other Waters per Application:

Bottom Barriers.....	\$ 75.00
Powered Mechanical Devices.....	\$ 175.00
Structural Controls; Biological Controls.....	\$ 300.00
All Pesticides and Other Chemicals .....	\$ 500.00

Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage  
under [ANC General Permit](#) ..... \$ 50.00

*Municipalities are exempt from fees.*

**PUBLIC  
NOTIFICATION  
PROCESS**

Public notification will be required as part of the application process. The application and subsequent decision by the Department will be posted on the Environmental Notice Bulletin ([enb.vermont.gov](http://enb.vermont.gov)). Depending upon the permitted activity, public access signage or other notification may be required. Please contact the Aquatic Nuisance Control Program for further guidance.

**ADMINISTERING  
AGENCY**

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**AUTHORITY**

10 VSA Chapter 50 § 1455, 10 VSA Chapter 47 § 1263a, and 3 VSA Chapter 51 § 2822 (j).

**APPEAL  
PROCESS**

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](#).