

The Vermont Shoreland Protection Act Project Worksheet

This worksheet assists in determining whether or not a registration or permit is required for a shoreland project. Guidance materials to answer the questions below are available on Shoreland Permitting's webpage: www.dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/permit/shoreland. Please contact Shoreland Permitting at ANR.WSMDShoreland@vermont.gov with any questions.

Yes, I have a project involving the creation of new cleared area or impervious surface on a shoreland property.

1. Is your property on a [lake greater than 10 acres in size](#)?

If yes, PROCEED to question 2.

If no, STOP: You do not need a Shoreland Permit.

2. Is your project located [within 250 feet](#) of the lake's [mean water level \(MWL\)](#)?

If yes, PROCEED to question 3.

If no, STOP: You do not need a Shoreland Permit.

3. Are you conducting any of the following activities?

- ❖ *Maintaining existing buildings, gardens, and lawns without enlarging them.*
- ❖ *Creating a single 6-foot wide footpath to access the lake.*
- ❖ *Rebuilding existing impervious areas without increasing or changing the current footprint, such as rebuilding a house, deck, or driveway in **exactly** the same location.*
- ❖ *Pruning and/or removing trees within 100 feet of mean water level in accordance with the [Vegetation Protection Standards](#).*
- ❖ *Removing a dead, diseased, or unsafe tree, and keeping the below-ground root structure in place.*
- ❖ *Installing or repairing a wastewater system or potable water supply permitted by Vermont's [Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division](#).*
- ❖ *Working on a parcel already attached to an [Act 250 permit](#).*

If yes, STOP: These activities do not require a Shoreland Permit.

If no, PROCEED to question 4.

4. Is your property intersected by a **public** highway?

If yes, PROCEED to question 5.

If no, SKIP to question 6.

5. Is your project located on the non-lake side of a **public** highway?

If yes, STOP: you do not need a Shoreland Permit.

If no, PROCEED to question 6.

6. Is your project located at least 100 feet from MWL?

If yes, SKIP to question 8.

If no, PROCEED to question 7.

7. Does your project involve the creation of up to 100 square feet of new cleared area or impervious surface, such as a shed or gazebo, between 25 and 100 feet from MWL?

If no, you need to apply for a Shoreland Permit ([Application form](#)), PROCEED to question 8.

If yes, the project is eligible for a Registration A ([Registration form](#)), and PROCEED to question 8.

8. Does the project involve the creation of more than 500 square feet of new cleared area or impervious surface at least 100 feet away from MWL?

If yes, you need to apply for a Shoreland Permit ([Application form](#)).

If no, the project may be eligible for a Registration B so long as the parcel is currently <20%

impervious surface and <40% cleared ([Registration form](#)).