



# Got Permits?

## Permit Guidance for Land Management Projects

Your construction project may require one or more permits from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in addition to local permits that may be required. For projects that do not require a permit, there may be guidelines that you **must** follow during construction. This chart is intended to include the most common building project types. It is the responsibility of the property owner and contractor to understand all local, state, and federal laws for any given project.

Prior to	When working here	You need this approval
<a href="#">Installing / repairing a dock, boat lift, or any other type of shoreline structure</a>	<a href="#">Any lake, pond, river, or stream</a>	<a href="#">Wetlands Permit</a>
Impacting the bank of any waterbody (i.e. bank stabilization or constructing or repairing retaining walls)	<a href="#">On or within the bank of any lake, pond, river, or stream</a>	
Constructing a new beach or replenishing beach sand	<a href="#">Adjacent to any waterbody</a>	
Excavating, removing, filling, dredging or constructing new structures	<a href="#">Wetlands, Surface Waters, Upland Tidal Buffer Zone, Prime Wetland Buffer, Sand Dunes</a>	
Timber harvesting	<a href="#">Crossing any stream or wetland</a>	
Tree cutting or vegetation maintenance / removal	Within 150 feet of <a href="#">waterbodies protected</a> under the <a href="#">Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act</a>	No permit required but must retain vegetation within limits described within the <a href="#">Vegetation Maintenance fact sheet</a>
Applying fertilizer	Within 250 feet of <a href="#">waterbodies protected</a> under the <a href="#">Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act</a>	No permit required but the phosphorous component must be no greater than two percent
Constructing new structures such as residential dwellings, sheds, or driveways		<a href="#">Shoreland Impact Permit</a>
Earth moving or excavation with a total impact greater than 50,000 square feet		<a href="#">Shoreland Impact Permit</a> & <a href="#">Alteration of Terrain Permit</a>
Earth moving or excavation with an impact greater than 100,000 square feet	Anywhere	<a href="#">Alteration of Terrain Permit</a>
Executing a purchase and sales agreement on waterfront property	Contiguous to or within 200 feet of <a href="#">waterbodies protected</a> under the <a href="#">Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act</a>	<a href="#">Site Assessment Study</a>
Building a residential dwelling, converting to year-round use, adding bedrooms, or expanding living space	Anywhere not serviced by municipal sewer	<a href="#">Septic System Construction and Operational Approval</a>
Subdividing land for single-family, condominium, apartment, or campground		<a href="#">Subdivision Approval</a>
Subdividing for non-domestic septic, higher loads, or setback issues		<a href="#">Groundwater Discharge Permit</a>
Installing a well closer than 75 feet to a septic system	Anywhere	Must file a Recorded Well Release
Supplying water for 25 or more people 60 or more days a year	Anywhere not serviced by municipal water	<a href="#">Community Well Siting &amp; Engineering Design Approval</a>
Withdrawing greater than 57,600 gallons per day of groundwater from one or more wells	Anywhere	<a href="#">Large Groundwater Withdrawal Permit</a>



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