

Permitting- When to Contact the State

Septic-

Since 2007 the state governs all septic issues. The most common are:

- Wastewater permits for new dwellings
- Wastewater permits for replacement of failed systems
- Change of use for a dwelling

When an owner wishes to change the designation of their property from seasonal to annual the state must be contacted to determine if their septic can handle the extra usage.

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
Drinking Water & Groundwater Protection Division
Essex Regional Office
802-879-5656
<http://wastewater.vt.gov/index.htm>

Shorelands-

The Shoreland Protection Act of 2014 restricts the development of land within 250 feet of any lake greater than 10 acres. If you wish to make **any** changes to your property within this buffer contact the state to determine if a permit is necessary for your project.

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
Watershed Management Division-Lakes & Pond Program
Essex Regional Office
802-879-1564
http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/permits/htm/pm_shoreland.htm

Wetlands-

Laws enacted in 1990 require landowners to obtain state permits if they wish to build on Class 1 or 2 wetlands. To determine if your property qualifies as wetland call the state for an evaluation.

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
Watershed Management Division
Essex Regional Office
802-879-5656
<http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/wetlands.htm>

Lake Encroachment-

Projects extending beyond the water level of 98.5 feet may need a state or Army Corp. of Engineers permit.

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
Watershed Management Division-Lakes & Pond Program
Essex Regional Office
802-490-6176

http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/permits/htm/pm_encroachment.htm

Helpful Resources:

Contact the state permit specialist for our region to determine the exact state permits required for your project. A project review sheet can be issued for your project which will help guide you through the permitting process.

Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
Environmental Assistance Office
District 6- Essex Regional Office
802-879-5676

The State of Vermont website has a permitting portal which offers general information regarding all permits issued by the state.

<http://permits.vermont.gov/>