



TOWN OF DEERFIELD

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Stormwater Permit Eligibility Worksheet

Introduction – *What is the purpose of the Stormwater Bylaw?*

The Town of Deerfield adopted a Stormwater Bylaw to protect the Town's waters from the harmful effects of stormwater runoff that can occur with new development and redevelopment. Stormwater from roads, homes and businesses is the leading cause of water pollution in our area and contributes to flooding. It can be prevented with low cost, highly effective practices such as rain gardens and low impact designs that cleanse the most polluted 'first flush' of storm runoff and help recharge groundwater. Low impact methods are promoted by state and federal agencies, homebuilder organizations and by the Town's Stormwater Bylaw. We recommend that you review the Stormwater Bylaw (Chapter 155) and Regulations and the Deerfield Best Development Practices Guidebook for more information at <http://www.deerfieldma.us>.

Does this project require a Stormwater Permit?

Some development projects in Deerfield may require a Stormwater Permit to assure that stormwater runoff will be properly managed during construction and after development is complete. The Planning Board serves as the Town's Stormwater Authority and issues Stormwater Permits and Certificates of Completion when project construction has fulfilled the terms of the Stormwater Permit. Please complete this worksheet to determine whether the proposed project will require a Stormwater Permit.

Project/Site Name _____ Date _____

Applicant Name _____

Street _____ Town, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Project Street/Location: _____

Assessors' Map: _____ Parcel(s): _____

Estimated area of land to be disturbed (ft²): _____

Total area of impervious surfaces (ft²) Existing Proposed
(paved, parking, decks, roofs, etc.): _____

Proceed to Eligibility Worksheet on pages 2 and 3.

1. Check all that might apply to your proposed project.	Yes	No	Maybe
a) This is a new development or redevelopment project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Increased stormwater runoff or pollutants will flow from this parcel of land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Activities on this site will alter the drainage characteristics of this parcel of land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) This project is for residential development that will disturb an area of 1 acre or more of land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) This project is for commercial, industrial or institutional use that will disturb an area of 12,500 square feet or more.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) This project will require an earth removal permit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) This project will alter or convert land use to one with higher potential pollutant loading as defined in Section 155-3A(2) of the Deerfield Stormwater Bylaw.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you checked "No" to all of the above statements, **STOP. The Deerfield Stormwater Bylaw and Regulations do not apply to your project, and you do not need to obtain a Stormwater Permit.** If you checked "Yes" or "Maybe" to any of the above, you **may** be required to meet the requirements of the Deerfield Stormwater Bylaw and Regulations and obtain a Stormwater Permit. **Proceed to question 2. Please note that the Planning Board's review of the Eligibility Worksheet may result in a determination that a Stormwater Permit is required.**

2. If you meet one of the following descriptions, you are **exempt** from Deerfield's Stormwater requirements.
- a) Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agriculture;
 - b) Conversion of land to agricultural use for crops and/or pasture;
 - c) Timber harvesting;
 - d) Maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas associated with residential dwellings;
 - e) Construction of a single family dwelling where approval is not required under the Subdivision Control Law and where total land disturbance is less than 1 acre;
 - f) Repair or replacement of a septic system;
 - g) Construction of a deck, patio, retaining wall, driveway or other impervious surface expansion, shed, accessory building, swimming pool, tennis and basketball court associated with a residential dwelling;
 - h) Construction of utilities (gas, water, electric, telephone, etc.) other than drainage, which will not permanently alter terrain, ground cover or drainage patterns;