

# REGIONAL OFFICES

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS (ACT 250)

### DISTRICTS 1, 8, & 9

450 Asa Bloomer State Office Bldg.  
Merchants Row,  
Rutland, VT 05701-5903  
DEC Permit Specialist .....282-6488  
DEC Water/Wastewater Program .....786-5900  
Act 250 (Dist #1 & 8) .....786-5920  
Act 250 (Dist #9) .....879-5614

### DISTRICTS 2 & 3

100 Mineral St, Ste #303  
Springfield, VT 05156  
DEC Permit Specialist .....279-4747  
DEC Water/Wastewater Program .....289-0631  
Act 250 (Dist #2 & #3) .....289-0599

### DISTRICTS 4 & 6

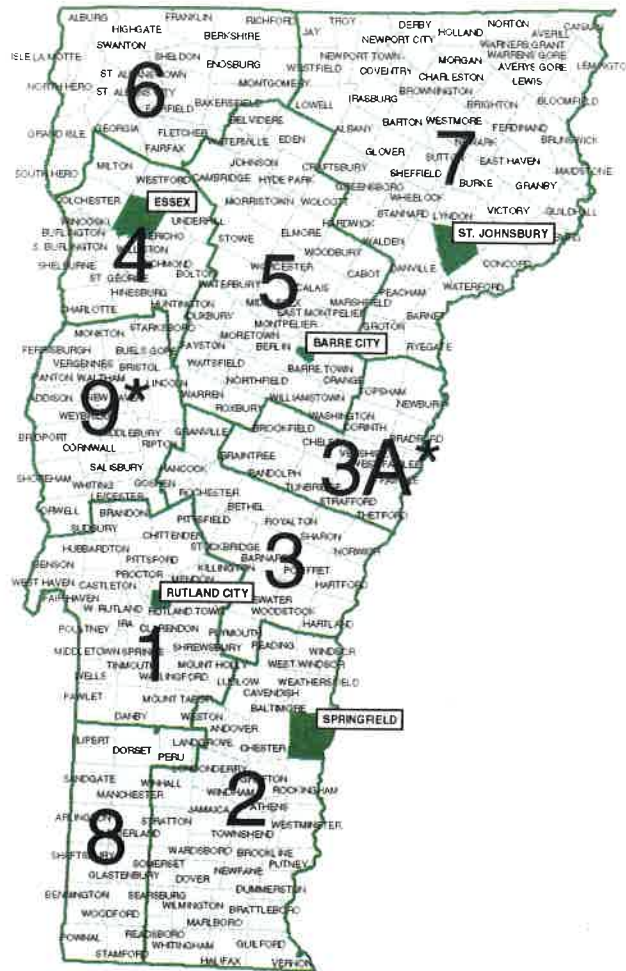
111 West Street  
Essex Junction, VT 05452  
DEC Permit Specialist .....477-2241  
DEC Water/Wastewater Program (Dist #4 & 6) .....879-5656  
Act 250 (Dist #4 & 6) .....879-5614

### DISTRICTS 3A & 5

1 National Life Drive, Davis 1  
Montpelier, VT 05620  
DEC Permit Specialist .....505-5367  
DEC Water/Wastewater Program .....828-5034  
Act 250 (Dist #3 & 3A) .....289-0599  
Act 250 (Dist #5) .....476-0185

### DISTRICT 7

374 Emerson Falls Rd, Suite 4  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819  
DEC Permit Specialist (Tuesday) .....505-5367  
DEC Water/Wastewater Program .....751-0130  
Act 250 .....751-0120



3A\* NOTE:  
For towns in District 3A, contact the Springfield Office for Act 250 Permits. For water/wastewater permits and Subdivision Approval, District 3A should contact the Montpelier Office.

9\* NOTE:  
For towns in District 9, contact the Essex Junction Office for Act 250 Permits. For water/wastewater permits and Subdivision Approval, District 9 should contact the Rutland Office.



Make your first call the right one, contact a Permit Specialist

The goal of the Permit Specialist is to take the mystery, anxiety, and frustration out of the permit process for businesses and the public. The Specialists give you advice about state permits required for your project and help you find the on-line resources and staff who can help you obtain your permit. To provide the best service, they are located in 5 regional offices. See the map.

A Specialist will prepare a Project Review Sheet (PRS) as a road map to other state permits you may need. Knowing all of the permits required before you begin your project can prevent costly delays, saving you time and money.

The PRS can be developed as a preliminary jurisdictional review for the client's use only. Even though this information is not strictly confidential, we have rarely had an outside request for the information.

Annually the Specialists provide businesses and Vermonters with...

- Over 5,000 contacts providing permit information
- 2,500 project specific permit determinations

The Permit Assistance Program is part of the Environmental Assistance Office, a non-regulatory branch of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. EAO also operates a Small Business Compliance Assistance Program that can help existing businesses evaluate their compliance with environmental regulations during a confidential site visit. This is important if you are selling, financing, or expanding your business. Please call (800) 974-9559.



## Do You Need a State Permit?



Agency of Natural Resources

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Environmental Assistance Office  
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Rutland, Vermont 05701-5903  
[www.eovt.org](http://www.eovt.org)

# Ask a Permit Specialist

## PERMIT ASSISTANCE

**P**ERMIT SPECIALISTS are available in the Regional Offices to answer your questions about the permit process. The Permit Specialist will advise you about needed state permits and can prepare a *Project Review Sheet (PRS)*.

The Project Review Sheet is a preliminary determination of not only environmental permits, but any state permits your project may need. It lists the agencies and departments and provides contact information.

To quickly locate the Permit Specialist serving your area, use the map on this brochure or the Permit Specialist locator at:

<http://dec.vermont.gov/environmental-assistance/permits/specialists>

**T**HE PERMIT HANDBOOK is a reference book that explains most of the state permit programs with summaries of permits, required fees, and contact persons within specific programs. The Permit Handbook is available at:

<http://dec.vermont.gov/environmental-assistance/permits/handbook>

**C**OMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE is also available. The Compliance Assistance Program is a NO COST, confidential, voluntary program that assists Vermont's small businesses and municipalities in achieving compliance with environmental regulations and promotes cooperation between the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the regulated community. To request assistance, call (800) 974-9559 or visit:

<http://dec.vermont.gov/environmental-assistance/compliance>

## DEC PERMITS

### Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Permits

A Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit may be required for:

- Subdivision of land
- Construction, modifications, or changes in use of buildings and structures such as:
  - residences
  - duplexes
  - repair shops
  - campgrounds
  - churches, schools
  - day cares
  - stores, offices
  - lodging
  - food service
  - beauty parlors
  - municipal buildings
  - health care
  - mobile home parks
  - apartments

Contact the Regional Office Wastewater Program for more information (see map).

### Other Department of Environmental Conservation Permitting Programs

Watershed Management; including Wetlands, Stormwater, River Management, Floodplain Management, Lake Encroachment, **Shoreland Management**  
802-828-1535  
<http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed>

Waste Management and Prevention; including underground & above ground storage tanks, solid waste & recycling, hazardous waste, salvage yards  
802-828-1138  
<http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management>

Air Quality and Climate Division  
802-828-1288  
<http://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality>

Facility Engineering; including dam safety  
802-828-1550  
<http://dec.vermont.gov/facilities-engineering>

## ACT 250

In addition to the DEC permits described to the left, an Act 250 permit may also be required for projects such as those listed below.

Act 250, Vermont's development and control law, is administered by nine District Environmental Commissions, comprised of citizens appointed by the Governor, and supported by staff (District Coordinators) in five Regional Offices (see map).

<http://www.nrb.state.vt.us/lup/>

- Construction for commercial purposes depending upon the size of the tract of land and the town in which it is located.
- The construction of 10 or more housing units, including mobile-home parks, within 5 years.
- The subdivision of land into 10 or more lots of any size within 5 years.
- The subdivision of land into six or more lots, within 5 years, in a town which does not have both permanent zoning and subdivision regulations.
- Construction that would substantially change or expand a pre-1970 "grandfathered" development that would require a permit if built today.
- Construction for a governmental purpose which disturbs more than 10 acres, or is part of a larger project that will involve more than 10 acres of land.
- Construction of a support structure, 50 feet tall or higher, primarily for communication or broadcast purposes.
- Construction, including forestry or farming, above 2,500 feet in elevation.
- Contact Act 250 at Regional Offices (see map).

## ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Construction permit for public buildings - fire prevention, electrical wiring, plumbing, and ADA access. Operating permit for boilers and pressure vessels (i.e. LP gas storage).

Barre.....479-4434  
Williston.....879-2300  
Springfield.....885-8883  
Rutland.....786-5867

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Restaurant, lodging, bakeries, childrens' camps, contact Public Health Sanitarian.....863-7221  
Asbestos and lead control programs.....863-7220

### AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE

Greenhouses, Golf Courses, Large Farms, Pesticides, Gas Pumps, Scales, Milk Processing, Poultry Processing, Slaughterhouses, Animal Shelters/Kennels, & Retail Sales of Milk, Meat, Poultry, & Pesticides.....828-2430

### AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION

Construction within a state highway right-of-way (i.e. driveways).....279-1152  
Off premises.....279-9599

### AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES

Child care facilities.....(800) 649-2642  
Nursing & other care homes.....241-0480

### SECRETARY OF STATE

Business registration.....828-2386  
Professional regulation.....(888) 287-5006

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

VT Occupational Safety & Health (VOSHA)  
.....(800) 287-2765  
Project WorkSafe (safety consultation)  
.....(888) 723-3937

This is not intended to be a complete listing of all state regulatory programs. Please contact the agencies listed for additional information on any project you pursue.