

## Information Required to Apply:

- Project location (PID Number) – this can be found on your tax bill
- Description of the project - what you plan on doing and how you plan to do it
- Scaled drawing/sketches of the project area
- Photographs of the project area
- Letter of consent from the property owner
- Payment (credit card) or can be arranged to be paid at a regional office

## Additional Information & Questions:

### Department of Environment and Local Government

Saint John Regional office:

8 Castle Street

Saint John, NB

(506) 658-2558

elg/egl-info@gnb.ca

Surface Water Protection Branch:

(506) 457-4850



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## *Guide to Watercourse and Wetland Alteration (WAWA) Permits*



## What is a WAWA Permit?

- Required to perform an alteration within 30 meter or 100 feet of any watercourse or wetland
- Alterations include: removal, addition, or disturbance of soil, rock, or vegetation
- WAWA permits are issued by the Department of Environment and Local Government
- Apply online:  
<https://www.elggl.gnb.ca/WAWAG/en/Home/Site>

## What is a Watercourse?

An area that conveys or contains water, and can be described as being:

- depicted on the New Brunswick Hydrographic Network layer (available on GeoNB Map Viewer)
- any incised channel greater than 0.5 m in width that displays a rock or soil bed, that is not depicted on the NB Hydrographic Network layer; water/flow does not have to be continuous and may be absent during any time of year
- a natural or man-made basin (*i.e.* lakes and ponds)

## Types of Permits:

1. *Provisional*
2. *Standard*
3. *Emergency*



## 1. Provisional Permits:

- Limited scope such as
  - Tree removal
  - Retaining walls
  - Erosion control
  - Beaver dam removal
  - Upgrade or maintenance to existing boat launches
  - Stairs
  - Walkways
- Fast turn around
  - Usually within 2 weeks
- \$10 per permit
- Online application will begin with provisional permit questions and will tell you if no permit is required

## 2. Standard Permits:

- Higher risk permits
- Reviewed by external agencies
- Can take up to 2 months for approval
- Require additional planning
- \$25 for first alteration and \$20 for each additional one

## 3. Emergency Permits:

- Threat to life, health, or infrastructure
- Phone 658-2558 during business hours
- Phone Canadian Coast Guard (1-800-565-1633) afterhours
- \$50 fee

