



3 Acre Stormwater Permitting Rule

Per Act 64 (Vermont Clean Water Act) and Lake Champlain TMDL requirements, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is required to adopt a new rule and general permit for stormwater management from “three-acre sites.” **Three acre sites are defined by DEC as "existing sites with three or more acres of impervious surface that lack a stormwater permit based on the 2002 Stormwater Management Manual."**

Requirements of the 3 Acre Permit:

- Retrofit Stormwater System
- Maximize Treatment on Site
- Follow standards outlined in the Vermont Stormwater Management Manual

The 3 Acre Stormwater Permitting Rule was adopted by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in February, 2019. The 3 Acre Rule took effect on March 15, 2019. The DEC is in the process of drafting the General Permit.

Draft permit will be available for public comment soon!

For more information on the upcoming Stormwater General Permit please visit DEC's "Stormwater Permitting Rule Update" page at <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/stormwater/stormwater-rule-update>.

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3 Acre Rule Applies To:

A single tract or lot of land with 3 acres of impervious surface or greater that has no current stormwater permit or was permitted prior to the 2002 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual.

A multi-lot permitted project that was permitted prior to the 2002 Vermont Stormwater Management Manual.

The Rule will require property owners of lots containing 3 acres of impervious surface or greater to treat stormwater runoff.