

Amherst NH

Forms and Permits

Your landscaping or construction projects may require review or a permit from the state or the town. Both building permits and inspections are required in the town of Amherst. Information and forms are available here for most construction projects. this chart is intended to include the most common construction project types. It is the responsibility of the builder to understand the laws and rules for any given project. contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services or the Amherst Zoning Office at the addresses provided below for help in identifying applicable rules.

For projects that do not require a permit, there may still be guidelines that you must follow during construction, landscaping, or tree cutting.

Prior to...	When Working here...	You need this approval...	From...
Building or Expanding a Residential Dwelling, or a Commercial or Industrial Building	Anywhere in Amherst	Amherst Building Permit Required	Amherst Zoning Office
	Within 250 Ft. of Public Waters	Must Meet Shoreline Protection Minimum Standards	NHDES Shoreline Protection Wetlands Bureau (603) 271-7109
	Anywhere not serviced by Municipal Sewer	Septic System Construction & Operational Approval	NHDES Subsurface Systems Bureau (603) 271-2513
	Within the Amherst Historic District	Historic District Commission Approval	Amherst Historic District Commission
Constructing Accessory Structures such as Sheds, Signs, Swimming Pools, or Driveways	Anywhere in Amherst	Amherst Building Permit Required	Amherst Zoning Office
	Within 250 Ft. of Public Waters	Must Meet Shoreline Protection Minimum Standards	NHDES Shoreline Protection Wetlands Bureau (603) 271-7109
Disturbing the Ground or Cutting Vegetation	Within 100 Ft. of a Public Water	Must Meet Amherst Wetlands	Amherst Zoning Office

	Protection Wetland or 25 Ft. of any other Wetland	Conservation District Ordinances	
Installing A Dock or Any Other Type of Shoreline Structure	Anywhere in Amherst	Amherst Building Permit Required	Amherst Zoning Office
	On Any Surface Waters or their Banks	Wetlands Permit	NHDES Wetlands Bureau (603) 271-2147
Impacting the Bank of any Waterbody, I.E. Stabilization or Construction	On the Banks of any Surface Water	Wetlands Permit	NHDES Wetlands Bureau (603) 271-2147
Adding Sand to a Beach or Constructing a New Beach	Adjacent to Any Surface Water		
Dredge, Fill, or Construction	Any Jurisdictional Wetland		
Applying Fertilizer	Within 250 Ft. of Public Waters	Must Meet Shoreline Protection Minimum Standards	NHDES Shoreline Protection Wetlands Bureau (603) 271-7109
Earth Moving or Excavation with an Impact < 50,000 Sq. Ft.			
Tree Cutting	Within 150 Ft. of Public Waters	Must Meet Shoreline Protection Minimum Standards	NHDES Shoreline Protection Wetlands Bureau (603) 271-7109
	Anywhere in Amherst	Must Meet Best Management Practices for Timber Harvesting	NHDES Site Specific Program (603) 271-2303
Earth Moving or Excavation with an Impact > 50,000 Sq. Ft.	Within 250 Ft. of Public Waters	Alteration of Terrain Permit	NHDES Site Specific Program (603) 271-2303
Earth Moving or Excavation with an Impact > 100,000 Sq. Ft.	Anywhere in Amherst		
Executing a Purchase	Within 200 Ft. of a	Site Assessment	NHDES

and Sales Agreement on Developed Waterfront	Great Pond Without Municipal Sewer	Study	Subsurface Systems Bureau (603) 271-2303
Subdividing Land for Single Family, Condominium, Apartment, or Campground	Anywhere not Serviced by Municipal Sewer	Septic System Construction & Operational Approval	
Installing A Well closer Than 75 Ft. from a Property Line	Anywhere	Must File a Recorded Well Release	
Supplying Water for 25 or More People 60 or More Days A Year	Anywhere Not Serviced by Municipal Water	Water Supply Engineering Permit	NHDES Water Supply Engineering (603) 271-2513
Installing Oil or Propane Burners	Anywhere in Amherst	Oil & Propane Installation Permit	Amherst Zoning Office
Blasting to break up or remove rocks	Anywhere in Amherst	Blasting Permit	Amherst Zoning Office
Removing an underground tank	Anywhere in Amherst	Tank Removal Permit	Amherst Zoning Office