

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ANYONE PLANNING A
BUILDING OR EARTHWORK PROJECT IN POLK COUNTY**

A PERMIT FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTOR DOES **NOT** MEAN YOU ARE FREE FROM OTHER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS!

Town Building Inspectors are asked to distribute this information sheet to anyone planning a building or earthwork project. Landowners need to be aware of many state and local agencies that require permits for specific types of construction, and the consequences they may face if found in violation of permit requirements, including double fees, fines, etc.

The following list contains some, but probably not all, possible permits that may be needed for various projects.

- If your construction plans include disturbing one acre, or more, of land anywhere in the county, then you need a Storm Water and Erosion Control Permit from the Polk County Land and Water Resources Dept. (715-485-8699) and the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (715-635-2101).
- Disturbing one-half acre, or more, of land in the Shoreland Zone (1000' from any lake or 300' from any stream – see website for maps), requires a Storm Water and Erosion Control Permit from the Polk County Land and Water Resources Dept. (715-485-8699).
- If your plans include disturbing 10,000 sq. ft., or more, on the banks of a waterway, then you need a permit from the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (715-822-3590).
- If your plans include creating one-half acre or more of impervious surfaces (including roofs, paved or gravel driveways, parking lots, etc), then you will need a Storm Water and Erosion Control Permit from the Polk County Land and Water Resources Dept. (715-485-8699). If you create one acre, or more, of impervious surfaces then you will also need a permit from the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (715-635-2101).
- If your plans include creating an additional 3000 square feet of impervious surface, in addition to an existing one half acre of impervious surface, then you will need a Storm Water and Erosion Control Permit from the Polk County Land and Water Resources Dept. (715-485-8699).
- If your plans include working in any wetland of any size, then you will need a permit from the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (715-822-3590) and possibly the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (651-290-5357).
- If your plans include working near or below the high water mark of any body of water, then you will need a permit from the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources (715-822-3590).
- Any building or earthwork project within the Shoreland Zone may require various permits from Polk County Zoning Dept. (715-485-9279).

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