

Stream Activity Application

Purpose: Stream Activity applications are for the protection of water quality and aquatic life and are required when working or placing equipment in the stream. West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) fisheries biologists review applications to ensure high quality streams are protected and that activities such as installation of culverts and re-channelizing streams do not have detrimental effects on habitat.

A DNR Stream Activity application is not required if you are removing floating woody debris or trash from the stream (i.e. tree limbs and trash blocking the mouth of a culvert or accumulating around the piers of a bridge) if this work can be performed by hand or with hand tools. A permit is required if any type of equipment is needed even if the equipment remains on the stream bank.

The threshold for what is considered a “stream” is quite low. A permit is needed if planned activity involves going over, under or through the stream. DNR considers a stream as an area with a rock bed – even if that bed is dry most of the year.

Review Process: Once you determine your activity requires a Stream Activity application, you must complete the application form and submit it to WVDNR. Direct contact with the District Fisheries Biologist when submitting a Stream Activity application may expedite the process. The permitting process generally takes 5-7 business days unless the activity is in a high quality stream which could take up to 2 weeks.

Permit Cost: None.

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A Stream Activity application is available on the Internet at: <http://www.wvdnr.gov/REM/PLC.shtm>.