

When is a DWR permit required?

State of Kansas statutes and regulations charge Water Structures in the Division of Water Resources to administer a permit program. Therefore, before planning or starting construction of or change to a water structure, determine whether your project needs a permit.

Permits are required if the project involves:

- Construction, modification or repair of a dam that is 25 feet or more in height, or six feet or more in height with the ability to store 50 acre-feet or more of water
- Construction, modification or repair of a stream obstruction in a regulated stream such as a bridge, culvert, low-water crossing, boat ramp, pipeline crossing, non-jurisdictional dam, or other obstruction except for stream obstruction projects (other than dams) that are more than 300 feet from other property lines, not located in incorporated area, and on a stream with less than 640 acres of drainage area
- Construction or repair of a channel change in a regulated stream
- Excavation or dredging within the banklines of a regulated stream
- Construction, modification or repair of a regulated levee within the floodplain of a regulated stream
- Placement of a regulated floodplain fill within the floodplain of a regulated stream

In Kansas, a stream is any watercourse that has or has had a well-defined bed and well-defined banks and that has a watershed exceeding the allowable acreage indicated on the chart to the right. If you are planning to alter a stream in your zone that has drainage area greater than allowable amounts, contact the Water Structures Program,

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Also view the Structures [website](#) and applicable [forms](#).

Other permits may be required, including but not limited to a [permit](#) to Appropriate Water from the DWR Water Appropriation Program, construction permits from county and local government, Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act [permit](#), Kansas Department of Health and Environment [permit](#) for Stormwater Run-Off and Threatened and Endangered Species [permit](#) from Department of Kansas Wildlife Parks and Tourism.

