

## How much does a land disturbance permit cost?

The fee for permit is **\$630**.



## Additional Information

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (General Construction Permit):

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/StormwaterManagement/VSMPPermits/ConstructionGeneralPermit.aspx>

Questions regarding the Land Disturbance Permit process? Suggestions for improvement? Please contact the Bureau of Environmental Services at: (757) 664-4368 or email at: [planning@norfolk.gov](mailto:planning@norfolk.gov).



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## What is a land-disturbing activity?

A land-disturbing activity is any land change on private or public land that may result in soil erosion from water or wind and the movement of sediments into state waters or onto lands in the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, clearing, grading, excavating, transporting and filling of land.

## When are land disturbance permits required in Norfolk?

A land disturbance permit is required when land-disturbing activities equal to or exceeding 2,500 square feet occur. These activities include construction, demolition, and laydown, or staging, areas.

## Why does the City of Norfolk require land disturbance permits?

The City must comply with the Commonwealth's Erosion and Sediment Control regulations. The state regulations are intended for the effective control of soil erosion, sediment deposition, and nonagricultural runoff in order to prevent the unreasonable degradation of properties, stream channels, waters, and other natural resources.

## What activities are exempt from obtaining a land disturbance permit?

The following activities are specifically exempt:

- Disturbed land areas of less than 2,500 square feet.
- Minor land-disturbing activities and individual home landscaping, repairs and maintenance work.
- Individual service connections.
- Installation, maintenance, or repair of underground public utility lines.
- Septic tank lines or drainage fields.
- Tilling, planting, or harvesting of agricultural crops.
- Repair or rebuilding of the tracks, right-of-way, bridges, communication facilities and other related structures, and facilities of a railroad company.
- Installation of fence, sign, telephone, electric, or other kinds of posts or poles.
- Shore erosion control projects on tidal waters.
- Emergency work to protect life or property, and emergency repairs.

## How do I apply for a land disturbance permit?

The application is available on the City's webpage ([www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov)):  
Departments >> Planning >> Environmental Services >> Erosion and Sediment Control.

In addition to the application, please bring the following, if applicable:

- Responsible Land Disturber Notification.
- 2 copies of approved site plans.
- The state's (Department of Environmental Quality) General Construction Permit application.

You may also contact the Bureau of Environmental Services: 757-664-4363, or visit our office: 810 Union St, Suite 508, Norfolk, VA 23510.

## How long does the process take?

With the proper documentation, the permit process can be completed within one to three business days.

