

Beach sand blanket

Is a DNR permit required to haul sand onto my lakeshore to make a beach area?

A DNR public waters work permit is not required if the following conditions are satisfied:

- Does not cover emergent vegetation, unless already authorized by an Aquatic Plant Management permit from the Department's Division of Fisheries.
- Clean, inorganic sand or gravel, free of pollutants and nutrients.
- No more than 6 inches thick, 50 feet wide along the shore, or one-half the width of the lot (whichever is less), and no more than 10 feet waterward of the [ordinary high water level \(OHWL\)](#).
- Local watershed district and local zoning officials must be given at least 7 days prior notice.
- The site is not a posted fish spawning area.
- Installation of sand or gravel may only be repeated once at same location, not exceeding same amount and dimensions of the original sand blanket.

Important: Other approvals may be required from federal, state, and local units of government, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, watershed districts, water management organizations, counties, townships, and cities.

See the information sheet titled [Shoreline Alterations: Beach Sand Blanket](#) under [DNR Waters Publications](#), or view [Permit Requirements](#) under the Public Waters Work Permits Program.