



Do You Need a Stormwater Management Permit for your project?

The Lake George Watershed Stormwater Management Program (Program) is a basin-wide community effort designed to protect and improve the water quality of Lake George by reducing runoff and pollution contained in runoff as a result of development.

Lake George is fed primarily by runoff from its land drainage basin. Pollutants accumulate rapidly on hard surfaces during dry periods. Runoff washes those pollutants away, directing them quickly to the lake. Stormwater runoff from developed areas of the drainage basin often contains grease, lead, oil, salt, pathogens, nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen), and sediments among other contaminants.

A permit must be obtained **prior to commencing**:

1. Projects involving the creation of more than 1,000 square feet of impervious surface. Impervious surfaces include buildings, pavement, blacktop, macadam, packed earth and crushed stone.
2. Land clearing, grading or filling involving more than 5000 square feet.
3. Any modification to a stormwater control measure.

Please note, these jurisdictional thresholds are cumulative, and multiple smaller projects undertaken following enactment of the stormwater regulations (ca. 1990) can collectively trip stormwater jurisdiction.

If you are not sure if you need a permit you can send a jurisdictional inquiry to us for a determination. This form may be found here: [swjureq.pdf](#)