



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Beaver Dam Removal Guidelines

These guidelines are applicable for the removal of beaver dams by hand (without the aid of machinery). Permitting is required if use of machinery is desired.

Notification

CONTACT THE WETLANDS AGENT IN THE LAND USE AGENCY OFFICE AT (203) 270-4276 PRIOR TO REMOVING A BEAVER DAM TO DETERMINE THE START DATE AND EXTENT OF BEAVER DAM WORK.

Guidelines

- Remove dam in a controlled manner and undertake in incremental reductions in dam height (six inches at a time). After each drop in dam height, allow subsequent water level and sediment plume to stabilize prior to the next level drop; this will enable flow control downstream.
- Relocate dam debris away from the area of activity to prevent the beaver from reusing it to repair the dam.
- Please inform neighbors downstream about the dam removal and be considerate of potential impacts on their properties.

For information regarding trapping beavers please contact the DEEP Wildlife Division's Beaver Management Program at (860) 424-3011.

For more information regarding beavers and dams please visit the CT DEEP website below:

http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2723&q=325970&depNav_GID=1655

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