

Oregon's Removal-Fill Program Fees: 2026 - 2030

About the Fees

Current fees are listed here: [Removal-Fill Fees \(PDF\)](#). Permit applications, general authorization notices, wetland determinations and delineations that are postmarked or received by the Department on or before December 31, 2025 will be charged the current fees.

This document reflects new fees for Oregon's removal-fill program and planned increases from 2026-2030. These new fees will be **effective January 1, 2026**, and subsequent increases are scheduled to fall annually on January 1. [Learn more about the rulemaking that led to these updated fees here.](#)

About the Program

Oregon's removal-fill law protects wetlands and waters by requiring a permit for most projects that add, remove, or move more than 50 cubic yards of material. Some protected areas require permits for activities that add or remove any amount of material.

- **General Authorizations:** Removal-fill projects that are anticipated to have minimal impacts to wetlands and would not result in long-term harm to the water resources of this state could qualify for a General Authorization (GA) instead. Eligible activities are those that cause minimal disturbance within essential salmonid habitats, projects that cause temporary impacts to wetlands and waterways, certain over-water structure activities, waterway bank stabilization using bioengineering, waterway habitat improvement, wetland ecosystem improvement, and non-motorized in-stream placer mining in essential salmonid habitats.
- **Wetland Determinations and Delineations:** Wetland determinations identify if potentially jurisdictional wetlands or other waters, such as streams and ponds, are present on a parcel of land. In some cases, applicants may ask the Department to conduct an on-site determination. If an area is determined to contain wetlands or waters, then a wetland delineation report must be submitted. This report is necessary to receive a removal-fill permit, and it includes detailed mapping and documentation of the size, location and other qualities of the wetlands and waters.
- **Removal Fill Permits:** Individual/General Permits and Emergency Authorizations: Projects that add, remove, or move more than 50 cubic yards of material in wetlands or waters of this state require either an individual or general permit, or emergency authorization.
 - **General permits** are issued for projects with expected and predictable impacts to wetlands or waters. General permit projects are those with activities for transportation-related structures, minor-removal fill impacts, Jackson County vernal pools, maintenance drainage, maintenance dredging, and certain ocean renewable energy facilities.
 - **Individual permits** are issued for projects that do not qualify for a general permit. These are projects with expected substantial impacts to wetlands or waters, and may be complicated or involve several instances of removing or filling material.
 - **Emergency authorizations** are for immediate work to prevent irreparable harm to people or property during emergencies or disasters.

Learn more about Oregon's removal-fill program here: <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/wetlands-waters/Pages/removal-fill.aspx>. Questions? Contact the aquatic resource coordinator for your county ([see online directory](#)).

Removal-Fill Fee Five-year Schedule (2026 – 2030)

| Program Area | Fee Category/Tier | Year 1 Jan. 1, 2026 | Year 2 Jan. 1, 2027 | Year 3 Jan. 1, 2028 | Year 4 Jan. 1, 2029 | Year 5 Jan. 1, 2030 |
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| General Authorizations | Submission Fee | \$450 | \$499 | \$550 | \$604 | \$660 |
| | Revise/Transfer Fee | \$50 | \$66 | \$82 | \$99 | \$117 |
| Wetland Determinations | On-Site Determinations | \$450 | \$499 | \$550 | \$604 | \$660 |
| | <i>Off-site determinations will continue to be offered at no cost.</i> | | | | | |
| Delineation Reports | Tier 1 Report Review | \$600 | \$761 | \$931 | \$1,108 | \$1,295 |
| | Tier 2 Report Review | \$1,200 | \$1,391 | \$1,592 | \$1,803 | \$2,024 |
| | Tier 3 Report Review | \$3,500 | \$3,938 | \$4,397 | \$4,879 | \$5,386 |
| | Report Reissuance | \$600 | \$761 | \$931 | \$1,108 | \$1,295 |
| Removal-Fill Permits Application Type A <i>Applicable when the project is entirely not for profit.</i> | Base Application Fee | \$700 | \$761 | \$826 | \$893 | \$964 |
| | Tier 1 | \$200 | \$341 | \$490 | \$645 | \$809 |
| | Tier 2 | \$800 | \$971 | \$1,151 | \$1,340 | \$1,538 |
| | Tier 3 | \$3,000 | \$3,544 | \$4,115 | \$4,714 | \$5,344 |
| | Tier 4 | \$5,000 | \$5,644 | \$6,320 | \$7,029 | \$7,775 |
| | Tier 5 | \$7,000 | \$7,744 | \$8,525 | \$9,345 | \$10,206 |
| Removal-Fill Permits Application Type B <i>Applicable when any portion of the project aims to generate profit.</i> | Base Application Fee | \$2,100 | \$2,284 | \$2,477 | \$2,679 | \$2,892 |
| | Tier 1 | \$600 | \$1,024 | \$1,469 | \$1,936 | \$2,426 |
| | Tier 2 | \$2,400 | \$2,914 | \$3,453 | \$4,020 | \$4,614 |
| | Tier 3 | \$9,000 | \$10,631 | \$12,344 | \$14,143 | \$16,031 |
| | Tier 4 | \$15,000 | \$16,931 | \$18,959 | \$21,088 | \$23,324 |
| | Tier 5 | \$21,000 | \$23,231 | \$25,574 | \$28,034 | \$30,617 |
| Removal-Fill Permits: Other Fees | Renewal | \$400 | \$446 | \$495 | \$546 | \$599 |
| | In-Water Work Variance | \$100 | \$105 | \$110 | \$116 | \$122 |
| | Modification/Transfer | \$400 | \$446 | \$495 | \$546 | \$599 |

Delineation Report Tiers

| Delineation Report Tier | Project Criteria |
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| Tier 1 | Delineation report reviews with less than or equal to 0.2 wetland acres. |
| Tier 2 | Delineation report reviews with greater than 0.2 wetland acres. |
| Tier 3 | Delineation report reviews with greater than 0.2 wetland acres, AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The study area is in a west side county and the study area is greater than 100 acres, OR The study area is in an east side county and the study area is greater than 200 acres. |

Additional considerations for delineation reports:

- If the Department rejects a report (for example, technical requirements are not completed, on-site data was not collected, clearly erroneous data was included, or incorrect conclusions were made), then the applicant must correct the report and submit it as a new report with a new tier fee.
- Reviewed wetland delineation reports are valid for 5 years. A report can be reissued if the delineated boundaries remain unchanged. The reissuance of a wetland delineation report is now subject to a fee to cover the cost of reviewing the submitted request.

Removal-Fill Permit Tiers

| Removal-Fill Permit Tier | Project Criteria |
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| Base Application Fee | All applicants are required to pay the base application fee at the time of submission. The remainder of project costs will be due before the Department issues a permit. When the Department finds a project does not require an authorization (no state permit required) only the base application fee is required. |
| Tier 1 | To qualify for Tier 1, a project must: Be for the primary purpose of voluntary habitat improvement of the ecological condition of a water of this state but an authorization is required, AND the project will not result in unacceptable individual or cumulative environmental effects or long-term harm to water resources of this state. |
| Tier 2 | To qualify for Tier 2, a project must be: A) A General Permit for Minor Removal-Fill Impacts to Certain Non-Tidal Wetlands B) A General, Individual, or Emergency Application that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not require compensatory mitigation, OR Permanent wetland impacts are 0.2 acres or less and compensatory mitigation is provided by using mitigation banks, in-lieu fee, or payment in-lieu; AND Does not occur in an estuary (tidal waters), essential salmonid habitat, or a state scenic waterway; and does not have temporary or permanent impacts to an aquatic resource of special concern. |

| Removal-Fill Permit Tier | Project Criteria |
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| Tier 3 | <p>To qualify for Tier 3 a project is limited to the following categories and does not include Tier 4 or 5 criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has impacts to wetlands totaling less than 2 acres, OR • Has permanent impacts to non-wetland waters, but not both. |
| Tier 4 | <p>Tier 4 includes projects with the following categories, and does not include Tier 5 criteria:</p> <p>A) A Department of Environmental Quality Remedial Action Waiver</p> <p>B) General, Individual, or Emergency Application that meets the criteria listed in Tier 3 AND <u>one or more</u> of the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than one functional assessment is required. • Impacts 2 or more wetland acres. • Has temporary or permanent impacts to an aquatic resource of special concern. • Impacts, either temporarily or permanently, a compensatory mitigation site. • Project site involves an enforcement. • Project involves multiple phases (past or future) that need to be considered in the Application review. • The project occurs in the Pacific Ocean (Territorial Sea). • The project requires a minor exception to the Lower Willamette River Management Plan that is not pre-approved by the Director. • Application (required information) is 150 or more pages. • Substantive comments are received and results in a design modification. • Requires more than one public review. • Application takes more than 12 months to issue due to resolution of project elements or requests for extension. • Requires formal coordination with other local or state entities, Tribal governments, the federal government, and/or other interested stakeholders, such as multiple communications, meeting(s), or formal consultation. • Requires more than one site visit or coordination meeting with the applicant, either pre- or post-application submittal. • The permit will include an Adaptive Management Plan. |
| Tier 5 | <p>Tier 5 includes projects that meet one or more of the following of the following criteria:</p> <p>General, Individual, or Emergency Application that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a major exception to the Lower Willamette River Management Plan. • Requires a Joint Agency Review Team meeting under the Territorial Sea Plan. • Is a new linear facility (as defined in OAR 141-085-0510(53)). <p><i>DSL maintains the ability to charge for staff time beyond the project fee listed. If the project occurs in phases, DSL has the ability to enter into a contract with the responsible party.</i></p> |