

STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
WATER QUALITY DIVISION

Application Instructions for a Permit to Conduct Mineral Prospecting In Vermont Waters
Pursuant to: 10V.S.A. Section 1021(h)(1)

Recreational mineral prospectors must receive authorization to operate sluice boxes in Vermont streams. Provide the following information on the enclosed application and include attachments as necessary. When applying for a permit, please note the following:

- A. Suction dredges, pumps or any other mechanical means of mineral mining on the streambed or banks of any watercourse is prohibited and will not be permitted.
- B. No authorization is required for hand panning.
- C. No mineral prospecting may take place on any streams or lands without permission of the landowners.
- D. Mineral prospecting, with the exception of hand panning is prohibited within state parks, state forests, state wildlife management areas and any federal lands.
- E. Permit approvals are issued for use from June 1st to October 1st **only**. Submittal of a new application and fee are required each year. Submittal of a new application and fee are required for additional sites and /or landowners requested for approval within the same year.

Application Form Instructions:

- 1. Name, mailing address and telephone number of applicant. Applicant's spouse and minor children may be included under one application and approval
- 2. Name of stream to be affected by the proposed activity.
- 3. Exact location of proposed activity (Town, Village or City and streams). **Attach** USGS topographic map or other map of equal scale to accurately show areas of proposed activities. No map with a lesser scale than 1" = 1 mile (1:62,500) will be accepted
- 4. Describe the type of equipment to be utilized; Sluice box dimensions.
- 5. Names and mailing addresses of landowners where the proposed activity will occur. This information must be included: copies of approvals are mailed to landowners.
- 6. Residents; \$25.00 non-refundable processing fee (per application). Non residence; \$50.00 non- refundable processing fee (per application). Submit check/money order to: Treasurer, State of Vermont.
- 7. Date and Sign application.

Address inquiries and applications to: Danielle Dukette, Administrative Assistant
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Please Print Clearly and Use Pen

1. APPLICANT NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE # _____ (H) _____ (W) _____

2. STREAM NAME AND TOWN LOCATED:

3. **Attach** a copy of USGS topographic map showing the exact location of **each** proposed prospecting site

Listed in #2 above.

4. EQUIPMENT TYPE: SLUICE _____ BOX DIMENSIONS _____ HAND PAN _____
**No permit required for Hand Panning only **

NOTE: 10 V. S. A. SECTION 1021 PROHIBITS THE USE OF SUCTION DREDGES IN ANY WATERCOURSE. No operation of sluice boxes on either State owned or Federal owned land.

5. LANDOWNER(S) AND MAILING ADDRESS(ES) (Use separate sheet if necessary)

No Mineral Prospecting without Landowner Permission

6. Non-refundable Fee Schedule: Vermont Residents - \$25.00 (per application) Non Resident - \$50.00 (per application) Payable by check or money order to: Treasurer, State of Vermont

7. **APPLICANT SIGNATURE** _____ **DATE** _____

Note: Application may cover applicant's spouse and minor children.

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