

## 3.06 TOXIC MATERIALS PERMIT

- ❑ *Question: Do I want to use a chemical product to control nuisance aquatic plants or animals in State waters (State waters include streams, storm water ponds, wetlands and tidewater)?*

### **Why do I need this approval?**

This permit is required for any homeowner, farmer, local government, or other person who wants to control nuisance aquatic life in ponds, ditches or waterways by the use of chemical products (e.g., mosquito control, algae removal).

### **What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?**

STATE: Environment Article, Title 9, Subtitle 3;  
COMAR 26.08.03.02.

### **What is the process to get this approval?**

- 1) Submit a completed application.
- 2) The Department reviews, and issues or denies the application. Although public participation is not required for this permit, the Department recommends that the applicant keep the public informed.

### **Is this approval directly related or contingent on other approvals?**

Commercial and public agency applicators of pesticides will also need a license from the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

### **Are there any other requirements?**

The proposed product and method of application must be approved by the Department. The permit will also include a schedule for applying the product.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources must also signoff on this permit.

### **How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?**

45 days

### **Once I get this approval, how long will it last?**

Maximum of five years

### **How much will this approval cost?**

No fee.

### **Do I need to know any additional information?**

In case of an emergency, a limited permit for certain chemicals can be obtained from the local soil conservation district office in one to three days.

### **Who do I contact with additional questions?**

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