

Aeration Requirements Quick Guide

This guide summarizes the requirements in [Minnesota Rules Chapter 6116](#) and [Minnesota Statutes 103G.611](#). Review this guide to become familiar with aeration rules before you apply for an aeration permit.

1. **Aeration permits are required on all [public waters](#) in Minnesota.** Public waters are generally water bodies that are at least 10 acres in rural areas or 2.5 acres in urban areas. If you are unsure if your lake is public water, call your [local DNR office](#).
2. **Aeration Permit Application Materials**
 - \$250 Application Fee.** Most applications require a fee, but the fee is waived in some cases for winterkill permits. ***You will be notified after you submit your application if you need to pay the fee.***
 - Liability Insurance.** Purchase \$500,000 liability insurance (or post a bond for \$500,000), and submit a certificate of insurance to the DNR. *If you own or lease all of the land around a lake, and if there is no public access to the lake, you are not required to provide proof of insurance.*
 - Public Notice.** Publish public notice in a newspaper of general circulation on two occasions between five and 60 days before you plan to turn on your system. Provide the DNR with a copy of this notice. *If you own or lease all of the land around a lake, and if there is no public access to the lake, you are not required to publish public notice.*
3. **Signs**
 - Warning Signs.** Post warning signs at all commonly used lake access sites. *If you own or lease all of the land around a lake, and if there is no public access to the lake, you are not required to post warning signs.*
 - Thin Ice Signs.** Post thin ice signs around the open water area. Signs must be four to six feet high and a maximum of 100 feet apart. ***All permittees must post thin ice signs.***
4. **Inspections**
 - Inspect your aeration system,** open water area, and signage once every seven days. Use the [DNR Lake Aeration Inspection Form](#) as a guide.
 - Allow the **DNR to inspect** your system at any time.