

State of Rhode Island Contacts for Lakes, Ponds & Rivers

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Topic	Contact(s) also see: http://www.dem.ri.gov/contact/
Aquatic Invasive Species	
Reporting or identifying aquatic invasive plants	RI DEM Office of Water Resources Katie DeGoosh-DiMarzio katie.degoosh@dem.ri.gov 222-4700 Ext. 277-7211
Reporting or identifying aquatic invasive animals/fish	RI DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife Alan Libby alan.libby@dem.ri.gov 789-7481
Lake Management and Restoration	
Aquatic herbicide permits: treating nuisance plant growth with chemicals	RI DEM Division of Agriculture: Pesticide Unit Howard Cook howard.cook@dem.ri.gov 222-2781 Ext. 277-4504
Wetland permitting: plant control via hand-pulling, mechanical means, lake drawdown, dredging, bottom barriers	RI DEM Office of Water Resources: Water Quality & Wetlands Restoration Team Carol Murphy carol.murphy@dem.ri.gov 222-4700 Ext. 277-7208
TMDL Restoration Studies	RIDEM Office of Water Resources Brian Zalewsky brian.zalewsky@dem.ri.gov 222-4700 Extension 277-7145 Sarah Frazar sarah.frazar@dem.ri.gov 222-4700 Extension 277-7243
Reporting or identifying algae blooms, and/or cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms	RI DEM Office of Water Resources DEM.OWRCyano@dem.ri.gov 401-222-4700 Ext. 277-7300 or 277-7145 RI Dept of Health - Environmental Health Risk Assessment 222-7727 Jillian Chopy jillian.chopy@health.ri.gov
Water quality / data requests	RI DEM Office of Water Resources Colin Millar colin.millar@dem.ri.gov 222-4700 Ext. 277-7239
Recreation: Boating and Fishing	
Beach closures and advisories	RI Dept of Health – Beach Monitoring Program 222-7727 Jillian Chopy jillian.chopy@health.ri.gov http://www.health.ri.gov/beaches/
Boat registration & fishing licenses	RI DEM Licensing and Registration Margaret McGrath margaret.mcgrath@dem.ri.gov 222-6825 Ext. 277-2102
Public boat ramps & freshwater fishing rules	RI DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife Christine Dudley christine.dudley@dem.ri.gov 789-7481
Drinking Water	
Drinking Water Questions	RI Department of Health Center For Drinking Water Quality DOH.RIDWQ@health.ri.gov 222-6867
Safety	
Boating Safety	RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement Kurt Blanchard kurt.blanchard@dem.ri.gov 222-2284
Ice safety & Conditions	Rhode Island State Parks RI DEM 24-hour Ice Safety Hotline: 222-2632 http://www.riparks.com/IceSafety.htm For information on ice conditions in local communities, residents should contact their local recreation departments.
Dam safety	RI DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection Stacey Pinto stacey.pinto@dem.ri.gov 222-4700 Ext. 277-7409
Animal Health	
Pet or livestock illness	RI DEM Division of Agriculture: State Veterinarian Scott Marshall scott.marshal@dem.ri.gov 222-2781 Ext. 277-4503
Reporting suspicious activity or other environmental concerns or complaints	
Reporting dumping, spills, pollution, wetlands violations or complaints	RI DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection 222-1360 8:30am–4pm. For after-hours emergencies contact the number below.
Emergencies (Including sick or injured wildlife)	RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement 24-hour hotline 222-3070