

State of Rhode Island Contacts for Lakes, Ponds & Rivers

Topic		Contact(s) also see: http://www.dem.ri.gov/contact/
Aquatic Invasive Species	Report new invasive plants	RI DEM Office of Water Resources Katie DeGoosh-DiMarzio katie.degoosh@dem.ri.gov 537-4217
	Report new invasive animals/fish	RI DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife Alan Libby alan.libby@dem.ri.gov 789-0281
Lake And Water Quality Restoration	Aquatic herbicide permits: treating nuisance plant growth with chemicals	RI DEM Division of Agriculture: Pesticide Unit Howard Cook howard.cook@dem.ri.gov 537-4271
	Wetland permits: building docks, lake drawdowns, dredging, physical plant control removal via hand-pulling, cutting, large machines or bottom barriers	RI DEM Office of Water Resources: Water Quality & Wetlands Restoration Team Carol Murphy carol.murphy@dem.ri.gov 537-4257
	Water Quality Restoration Studies Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)	RIDEM Office of Water Resources Brian Zalewsky brian.zalewsky@dem.ri.gov 537-4195 Sarah Frazar sarah.frazar@dem.ri.gov 537-4235
	Report algae blooms, and/or cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms	RI DEM Office of Water Resources Email Pictures to: DEM.OWRCyano@dem.ri.gov 222-6820 RI Dept of Health - Environmental Health Risk Assessment Jillian Chopy jillian.chopy@health.ri.gov 222-7727
	Water quality / data requests	RI DEM Office of Water Resources Colin Millar colin.millar@dem.ri.gov 537-4256
Swimming, Fishing or Boating	Beach closures and advisories	RI Dept of Health Beach Monitoring Program www.health.ri.gov/beaches/ Jillian Chopy jillian.chopy@health.ri.gov 222-7727
	Boat registration & fishing licenses	RI DEM Licensing and Registration Margaret McGrath margaret.mcgrath@dem.ri.gov 537-4077
	Public boat ramps & freshwater fishing rules	RI DEM Division of Fish & Wildlife Christine Dudley christine.dudley@dem.ri.gov 789-0281
Drinking Water	Drinking Water	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	RI DEM Parks 24-hour Ice Safety Hotline:667-6222 https://riparks.ri.gov/icesafety For local parks, contact city/town recreation departments
	Dam safety	RI DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection Stacey Pinto stacey.pinto@dem.ri.gov 537-4477
	Pet or livestock illness / Animal Health	RI DEM Division of Agriculture: State Veterinarian Scott Marshall scott.marshal@dem.ri.gov 537-4281
Report suspicious activity	Report environmental concerns or complaints (dumping, spills, pollution, wetlands violations)	RI DEM Office of Compliance & Inspection 537-4440 For after-hours emergencies contact: 222-3070
Emergencies	Emergencies (Including sick or injured wildlife)	RI DEM Division of Law Enforcement 24-hour hotline: 222-3070

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