

*Exeter Township Pond Regulations

*The information below provides “pond basics.” Pond regulations in their entirety are available at the Township Hall

ORNAMENTAL POND

- Pond Size: Less than 2,000 sq. ft.
- Minimum Set-back: 10’ from all property lines.
- Appropriate for any size lot as long as minimum set-back can be met.
- No permit required, but property owner must notify Ordinance Officer so that set-back distances can be inspected.

RECREATION / SCENIC POND

- Pond Size: 2,000 to 65,000 sq. ft.
- Minimum Lot Size: 5 Acres
- Minimum Set-back: 133 feet from all public road centerlines, and 75 feet from property lines and dwellings.
- Property owner must live in permanent residence on property or have obtained a home building permit and be at a stage in construction where fill is required, as determined by the Township Building Inspector.
- Permit is required.

FARM PONDS

- Pond Size: ½ to 5 Acres.
- Minimum Lot Size: 10 Acres (acreage required depends on size of pond)
- Minimum Set-back: 133 feet from all public road centerlines and 75 feet from property lines and dwellings.
- Used for irrigation or watering livestock. A farm pond may be constructed on a site agricultural operation on the property.
- Permit is required.

Pond regulations also address isolation distances from on-site waste water systems and hazardous substances. There are also regulations concerning the disposal of any excavated soil that is not able to be contained on the property. Be sure to get a copy of the township’s helpful “Pond Information Folder.”

MDNRE PERMITS

If the answer to any of the five questions below is “Yes”, you will need a permit from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment:

1. Will the pond be located within 500 feet of a wetland or inland lake or stream or connected to a lake or stream?
2. Will the pond be located in a wetland?
3. Will the pond be located within a floodplain?
4. Will the pond have a surface area more than 5 acres?
5. Will the pond be created by damming across a river, stream or other water body?

MDNRE Permit Application Package by phone: (517) 780-7690 Jackson Field Office

By Internet: www.deq.state.mi.us/lwm/ Land & Water Management Div., Permit Consolidation Unit

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