



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

PUBLIC SPAS AND HOT TUBS

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT All public spas and hot tubs constructed or modified after 4/9/88 must comply with design, construction, and operation requirements of the Department of Health.

CRITERIA FOR JURISDICTION PUBLIC SPAS AND HOT TUBS are artificial structures containing water and designed to direct water or air enriched water under pressure onto a person's body for recreational and therapeutic purposes. Public spas and hot tubs may include hydrojet circulation, hot water, cold-water mineral baths, air induction bubbles, or some combination thereof and are not drained, cleaned or refilled for each user. Public spas and hot tubs include units operated by an owner, lessee, operator, licensee, or concessionaire, regardless of whether a fee is charged for use. Public spas and hot tubs may be individual units or may be integrated into a larger swimming pool or bathing pool. Spas and hot tubs are differentiated by the following definitions.

SPAS - Units of irregular or geometric shell design usually formed of plastic, concrete, metals or other materials. Industry terminology for a spa includes, but is not limited to, the terms "therapeutic pool," "hydrotherapy pool", "whirlpool," "hot spa" and "hot tub."

HOT TUBS - Units constructed of wood with sides and bottoms formed separately, and the whole shaped to join together by pressure from the surrounding hoops, bands or rods.

INFORMATION REQUIRED Based upon on-site inspection by a Health Department Sanitarian. Call to make an appointment.

WEB ADDRESS http://healthvermont.gov/regs/spa_tub_rule.pdf

FEES No Fee.

APPLICATION TIME FRAME No Application.

ADMINISTERING AGENCY

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AUTHORITY	18 VSA Chapter 3, § 102
APPLICABLE RULES	Vermont Health Regulations, Chapter 5, Sanitary Engineering, Subchapter 17, Public Spas and Hot Tubs, effective April 9, 1988.
APPEAL PROCESS	The Board of Health issues licenses. A decision of the Board may be appealed to the Vermont Supreme Court under 18 VSA § 128(b).
OTHER PERMITS & APPROVALS	Department of Public Safety, Fire Safety Division, See Sheets 49 , 49.1 , 50 , 50.1 , 50.2 , 50.3 . Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Permit. See Sheet 1 .