



8M Construction Permitting

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- Section 8(m) of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1984 (MWRA's Enabling Act) enables the Authority to issue permits to other entities to build, construct, excavate, or cross within an easement or other property interest held by the Authority.
- Who needs a permit?

Anyone working in or around MWRA infrastructure or other property interest

- Why do we require an 8M construction permit?

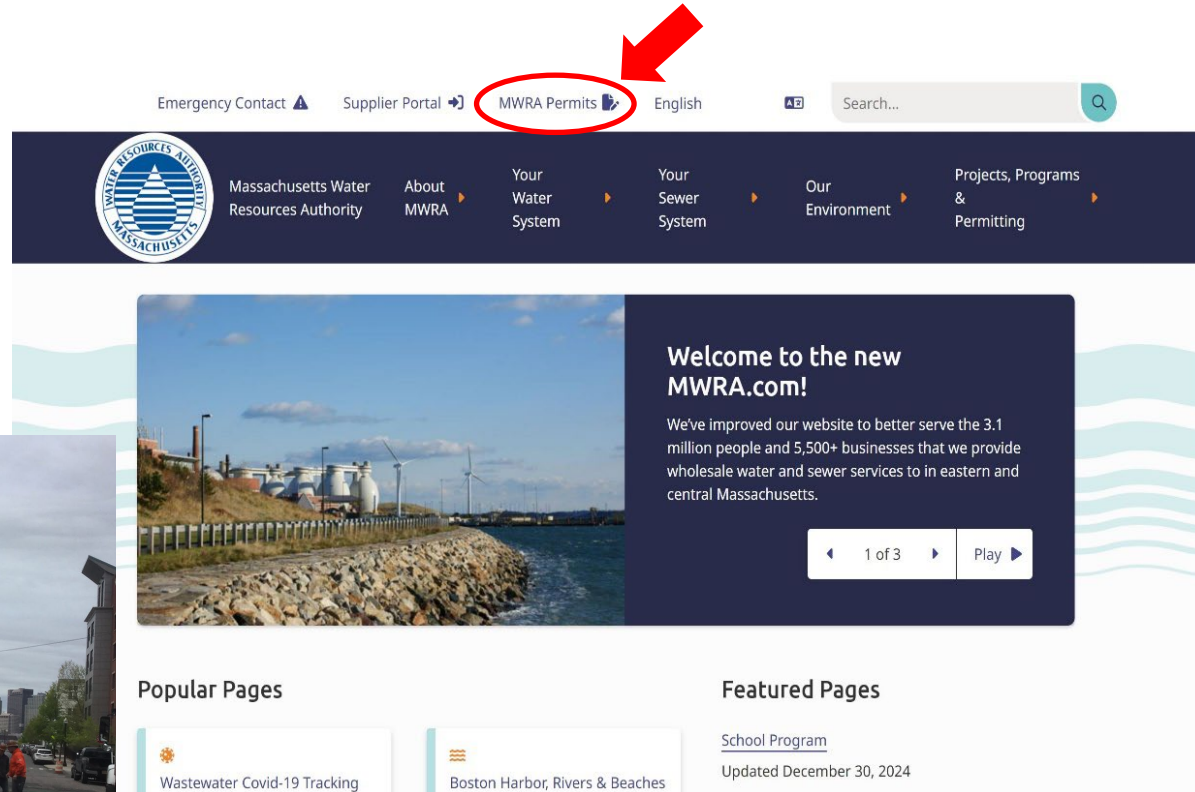
To avoid damage to MWRA infrastructure





8M Construction Permitting: For More Information

- www.mwra.com
- When in doubt, reach out!





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- What permitting authorities in your community should MWRA reach out to?

The screenshot displays the MWRA website interface. On the left, a sidebar titled "Your Sewer System" lists various categories: Toxic Reduction and Control (TRAC), Sewer Use And Discharge Regulations, MWRA-Issued Permits (highlighted), Incentive and Other Program Charges, Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), Sewer Treatment Facilities, Bay State Fertilizer, Household Waste Disposal, and Sewer System History. The main content area shows the breadcrumb trail: Home > Your Sewer System > Toxic Reduction and Control (TRAC) > MWRA-Issued Permits. The heading "MWRA-Issued Permits" is followed by a paragraph explaining that MWRA issues permits to keep water clean, categorized into TRAC Industrial Discharge Permits and Construction Related Permits. A "Pay Here" button is visible. Below, the "Construction Related Permits" section states that 8M is required for construction work within a certain distance of an MWRA pipe or facility. At the bottom, a dropdown menu is open, showing "8-M Permits" and "Direct Master ('Direct Connect') Permits".



WHEN DO YOU NEED AN MWRA 8(m) PERMIT?

If any work is located in or near an MWRA easement or interest held property, an 8(m) Construction Permit will likely be required.

Why are 8(m) Permits Necessary?

- 8(m) permits help protect MWRA infrastructure by avoiding accidents that would greatly impact those within your community and beyond.
- Permits are issued to an entity in order to build, construct, excavate, or cross within or near an easement or other interest held property.

Who Needs to Apply for an MWRA Construction 8(m) Permit?

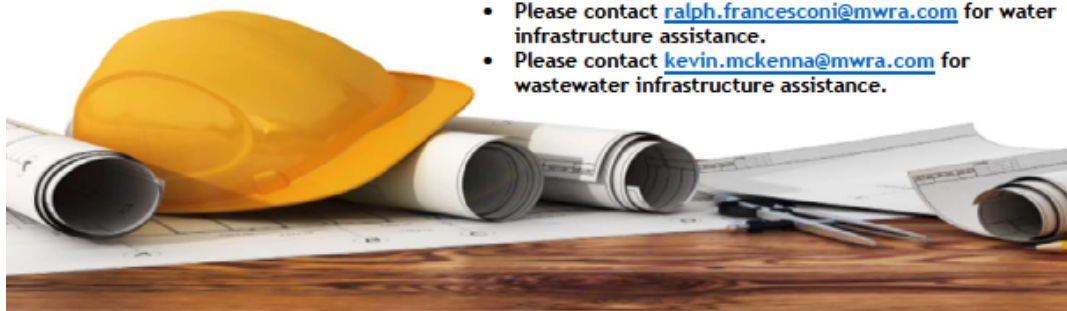
- Everyone, including Municipalities, Residents, Businesses, Developers, and Utility Companies, who are planning to conduct work within a street, easement, or other location that MWRA infrastructure is located.
- Communities not served by the MWRA, but have MWRA pipelines or other assets, need an 8(m) permit, too.

Do's & Don'ts:

- Do - Contact the MWRA for help locating its pipes.
- Don't - Dig without an MWRA Construction 8(m) Permit.
- Do - Apply for a permit at least 60 days prior to the start of work.
- Don't - Store materials or use the area above MWRA pipelines as a staging area.
- Do - Visit MWRA.com for additional information.

8(m) Permit Questions & Requests for a Mark Out:

- Please contact ralph.francesconi@mwra.com for water infrastructure assistance.
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Questions?

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