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## Quarry permits

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*This fact sheet explains the steps you must take if you wish to take gravel, sand, soil or rock from Yukon land.*

### Introduction

Quarrying generally refers to the extraction and removal of soil, sand, gravel or rock materials from a pit or site. These valuable natural resources are used for construction, road building and maintenance, asphalt and concrete production, landscaping and gardening.

The Yukon government administers quarrying activities in a number of ways.

*Lease areas:* Lots in planned quarry subdivisions are leased to individual contractors or operators on Yukon land.

*Designated public pits:* Provide small quantities of gravel for the general public and small contractors.

*Highway pits:* With the consent of the Department of Highways and Public Works, Transportation Maintenance Branch, users may remove raw gravel (pit run) from government highway pits. However, stockpiles of crushed gravel in these pits are for government use only.

*Quarry lease:* Through the land application process, individuals may apply to lease stand-alone parcels of land that are identified as suitable for quarrying. (See Fact Sheet 2: *Individual land applications.*)

### How can I get sand, gravel or soil?

#### Private suppliers

In most cases, you can buy material and topsoil directly from a private supplier. Check the Yellow Pages under “Sand and Gravel” or “Topsoil.” These contractors sell all types of materials including pit run (unprocessed gravel), screened or crushed gravel, drain and septic rock, sand and topsoil.

They also offer loading, hauling, excavation, grading and other services.

#### Government pits

You must have a quarry permit to remove soil, sand, gravel, or rock from public land. Energy, Mines and Resources, Land Use section only issues quarry permits for pits controlled by the Yukon government.

Gravel in Yukon government pits is in its natural state. It is not processed or sorted. Gravel materials may range from fine silt and sand to large boulders.

After obtaining a permit for a public pit, you are responsible for your own loading and transport.

### What is the Yukon government quarry permit process?

Quarry permits are coordinated and processed through the Lands Branch.

A permit can usually be issued immediately for obtaining gravel from a designated public pit.

### ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTIONS

#### YUKON GOVERNMENT

Controls the majority of all vacant lands in the territory.

#### ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

**Lands Branch** accepts applications to sell, lease, develop and use land under Yukon government control.

**Agriculture Branch** administers Yukon agricultural and grazing programs.

**Minerals Management Branch** administers placer and quartz claims, rights and use in the territory.

**Forestry Branch** administers timber permits and forestry planning.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Community Land Planning** manages zoning regulations in rural Yukon and administers subdivision outside Whitehorse and Dawson City. Also provides mapping services.

#### YUKON FIRST NATIONS

Control their own settlement lands.

#### MUNICIPALITIES

Administer lands, community plans and zoning bylaws within their jurisdictions.

Whitehorse and Dawson City also control subdivision within their boundaries.

*The Government of Canada, through Natural Resources Canada, Legal Surveys Division provides maps and plans for a fee.*

The permit specifies how much and what type of material you may take. It also states a start and finish date and other conditions that deal with pit reclamation.

### **How long will my application process take?**

Quarry permits for designated public pits and permission from Transportation Maintenance Branch, if required, are normally issued within one day.

Development of new pits is subject to *Yukon Environmental Assessment Act*/*Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* approval.

### **Is there a cost for my quarry permit?**

There is a royalty fee for sand, gravel, rock and topsoil ("black dirt"). Royalties are paid at the time the quarry permit is issued.

There is no charge for a permit to remove less than 10 m<sup>3</sup> of topsoil and 35 m<sup>3</sup> of other materials per year.

Contact the Lands Branch for more information.

## **CONTACTS**

### **YUKON GOVERNMENT**

#### **ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES**

##### **Lands Branch**

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- land applications
- sale of developed lots
- land use permits

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

##### **Building Safety**

Tel: (867) 667-5741

Toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext 5741

Fax: (867) 393-6249

- building and construction permits (outside Whitehorse)

#### **JUSTICE**

##### **Land Titles**

Tel: (867) 667-5612

Toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext 5612

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#### **YUKON HOUSING CORPORATION**

##### **Loans Administration**

Tel: (867) 667-8114

Toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext 8114

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- lot financing
- A/S program

### **OTHER AGENCIES**

#### **CITY OF WHITEHORSE**

##### **Planning Services**

Tel: (867) 668-8335

Fax: (867) 668-8395

- development cost charges
- land planning and zoning

##### **Building Inspection**

Tel: (867) 668-8340

Fax: (867) 668-8395

#### **CITY OF DAWSON**

Tel: (867) 993-7400

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- subdivision approval
- land planning and zoning

#### **NRCAN LEGAL SURVEYS DIVISION**

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- legal survey maps, plans, approvals

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

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- septic systems