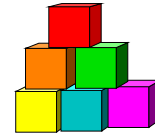


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## Permit requirements for seawalls, rip rap and boat docks

**EFFECTIVE DATE: AUGUST 8, 2005**

In most cases, U. S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permits are required prior to the County issuing building permits for seawalls, rip rap and boat docks, since most Collier waterways are regulated by these agencies.

**Federal permits from the USACE are required for seawalls, riprap and single-family docks, including those meeting the exemption criteria for the state (DEP). Environmental Services staff will require all applicants to obtain a USACE permit and a DEP permit whenever necessary prior to approving the building permit application.**

For single-family docks, seawalls and riprap with no impacts to mangroves, sea grasses or navigation, the USACE is the only review required for the Federal permit. For properties with impacts, the USACE requires a consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A separate permit application with the USACE is needed if a joint application with the DEP is not submitted.