

# Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance Program

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Maintenance of agricultural drainage channels is critical for much of Oregon agriculture. The Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance Program regulates maintenance of agricultural drainage channels to protect aquatic resources.

Landowners and water districts that want to maintain their channels can now request a notice from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). For eligible channels, the notice is a user-friendly, fast, and free alternative to permits from the Oregon Department of State Lands.

Eligible channels must be:

**Traditionally maintained:** The channel has been historically maintained for agricultural drainage and could have provided drainage within the past five years.

**Dry at time of work:** The channel must be dry at the time of work. Maintenance must begin and be completed during the regional dry maintenance time period.

**Not ESH:** The channel cannot be designated as Essential Indigenous Anadromous Salmonid Habitat (ESH).

The Notice addresses activities related to cleaning and placement (temporary and permanent) of dredged materials (spoils). The notice includes requirements related to timing of work, equipment use, and treatment of vegetation to protect the ecological functions of the channel and adjacent, undisturbed wetlands.

**Landowners and water districts must have a valid Notice or DSL permit prior to maintaining most channels.**



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