

Gravel Extraction

Do I need a resource consent?

Extracting gravel can have a negative effect on the environment, including creating noise or dust issues for neighbours, negative visual impacts, or affecting waterways.

The Southland District Plan outlines rules letting you know if you need a resource consent or not.

You may not need consent when:

- You plan to extract up to 1,500m³ within 12 months, as long as you meet some criteria including how far away you are from buildings or water, and if the gravel is used on the same property
- If the site isn't visible from a public place, up to 5,000m³ could be extracted without consent

Where do I apply?

Southland District Council processes resource consents for gravel extraction on land within the District. Environment Southland processes resource consents for gravel extraction from the beds of rivers and streams. This information relates only to consents from Southland District Council.

Check out the District Plan or talk to the resource management team to see if you require a consent.



Who will I need to consult?

It depends on where you want to extract gravel from. You may be required to obtain written approvals to be supplied with your application. Affected parties could include neighbours, iwi, Environment Southland and Fish & Game.

What do I include in my application?

- ✓ A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM
- ✓ THE PROCESSING DEPOSIT FEE
- ✓ A DETAILED SITE PLAN
- ✓ AN ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS INCLUDING DETAILS ABOUT:
 - THE SITE: location, volume, depth of the excavation, and type of material being taken
 - THE ACTIVITY: hours of operation, number of months/years it will be excavated, noise levels and any steps taken to minimise the noise
 - TRANSPORTING THE GRAVEL: number of vehicle movements each day, where access onto public roads will be, and the standard of that access
 - HOW THE SITE WILL BE REINSTATED AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED

Supplying all of the information needed when you lodge an application will minimise delays and costs.

