Decide who to notify for tile drainage installations or repairs

Follow the decision boxes to determine which agencies and organizations you will need to interact with before performing tile drainage work in Wisconsin.

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the area is in a wetland or not.

Is the area you are tiling in a mapped wetland or wetland indicator area? https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/surfacewater/swdv/

No

If the land was determined to not be in a wetland, you may proceed with your tile drainage installations or repairs. If you aren't

sure, it is best to **contact DNR before you start your project.**

Do you participate in any USDA Farm
Bill Programs? (i.e. FSA Farm loans, Crop
Insurance, EQIP, CSP, CRP, MPP)

Yes
Visit your local USDA-FSA office and
fill out form AD-1026 highly erodible
land and wetland certification form.

No
An NRCS evaluation is not required
to install or repair a tile drainage
system on your farm.

Does your proposed work cross an aquatic resource or outlet into an aquatic resource?

Yes

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulates discharges of dredged and fill material in waters of the United States, which includes many wetlands and waterways. It can be challenging to determine if a permit is required absent discussion with the Corps, so if your proposed work would cross an aquatic resource, or if tile outlets into an aquatic resource, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in advance of construction.

No

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not regulate work in uplands, or aquatic resources not considered waters of the United States. If you are not sure of the status of the area you will be performing tile work, it is best to work with the nearest U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office.

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Is the land where you are performing tile work in a Drainage District?

Yes

Your county Drainage District Board needs to be contacted prior to tile system installation, modification or maintenance. Cost-sharing for the tile system repair might be available through the drainage board.

No

If the land where you will be doing tile work is not in a Drainage District, there will be no drainage board to contact.

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Always contact your local county zoning office prior to completing drain tile maintenance or installation.