



# WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A BEAVER ISSUE?

Beavers are an important part of nature. But sometimes, they chew our trees or cause flooding problems. There are ways to deal with these problems without removing the beaver. In fact, these methods are often cheaper and work better in the long run. Use this guide to help decide which methods are best for you.

## 1 Is property private or public (school or park)?

### PRIVATE

All landowners must agree that there is a problem and what result they would like. When everyone agrees, go to **2**.

### PUBLIC

Contact the city, county, park, or school who owns the property.

Call the Tualatin River Watershed Council (TRWC) at 503.846.4810 if you are unsure.

## 2 What problems are beavers causing?

### FLOODING

If the flooding is a major problem but people are not in danger, call Washington County 503-846-7623 or Clean Water Services 503.681.3600.

For more information on flooding, Go to **3**.

### PLUGGED PIPE

Call Clean Water Services 503.547.8100.

For more information Go to **5**.

### CHEWING TREES OR PLANTS

Putting wire fencing around trees or painting them with a mixture of paint and sand will help. See details at [trwc.org/living-with-beavers](http://trwc.org/living-with-beavers).

## 3 Flooding is not always caused by beavers, even if a beaver is nearby. Are you sure a beaver is causing the flooding?

**NO.** Call the TRWC at 503.846.4810 to help direct you.

**YES.** I am sure the beaver is causing the flooding. Go to **4**.

## 4 Can you live with beavers if there is no flooding?

**YES.** Beavers can stay if we can find a way to control flooding. Go to **5**.

**NO.** I would like to have beavers removed. Go to **6**.



## 5 Are beavers plugging a pipe? Or, did they build a dam away from a pipe?

### PLUGGING A PIPE

Fencing around pipes can keep beavers from plugging them. Fencing around pipes should only be installed by a qualified professional. Permits may be required. See details at [trwc.org/living-with-beavers](http://trwc.org/living-with-beavers).

### DAMS AWAY FROM PIPES

A tool called a pond leveler can help keep water at a safe level. These should also only be installed by a qualified professional. Permits may be required. See details at [trwc.org/living-with-beavers](http://trwc.org/living-with-beavers).

## 6 Removing beavers may only fix the problem temporarily. New beavers are likely to move in if the habitat is unoccupied.

Relocating beavers is complicated, and they often do not survive the process.

Relocating beavers requires a permit and agency participation. If relocation or lethal trapping are your only options, contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for permit details at [dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living\\_with/beaver.asp](http://dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/beaver.asp)



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