

LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR FARMERS AND OTHER RURAL LANDOWNERS

LAW / GUIDELINE	CONTACT	GOAL	RELEVANCE TO LANDOWNERS
Canada Fisheries Act	OMNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to protect fish and fish habitat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prohibits destroying fish and discharging deleterious substances that would harm fish or fish habitat general prohibitions against harmful alterations to fish habitat
Conservation Authorities Act	CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to regulate conditions that affect watersheds and the flow of flood waters in them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> permits are required to fill or build in floodplains
Drainage Act	OMAFRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to regulate the construction and improvement of land drainage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> allows farmers to drain land
Environmental Protection Act	MOEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to regulate the emission and discharge of contaminants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> requires the operation of waste management systems
Game and Fish Act	OMNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to manage and protect the wildlife resources of Ontario to regulate access to fish and wildlife resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> allows farmers to destroy some nuisance wildlife licenses may be required for hunting – contact OMNR
Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act	OMNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to regulate alterations to lakes and rivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any work that forwards, holds back, or diverts water must receive prior approval from OMNR
Migratory Birds Convention Act	CWS – Environment Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to conserve and manage certain species of migratory birds to regulate hunting by establishing bag limits and seasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> landowners can hunt migratory birds only during the appropriate open season and location with a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp provides for the issuance of damage permits to farmers for scaring and/or killing certain nuisance, migratory species contact CWS

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Municipal Bylaws	local municipality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bylaws pertain to many aspects of municipal government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • may restrict/prohibit discharge of firearms • must consider natural heritage, environmental protection and hazard policies
Occupiers Liability Act	Ontario Provincial Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines the responsibilities of landowners and tenants towards all who enter their premises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines the different duties of care landowners and tenants owe to guests, fee-paying entrants or trespassers
Ontario Water Resources Act	MOEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protects the quality and quantity of Ontario's surface and ground water resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit to Take Water is required for more than 50,000 litres (10,000 Imp gal) per day
Planning Act	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to ensure orderly development and growth by regulating land use change on private land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides a mechanism by which policies, representing matters of provincial interest, are considered when land use changes are proposed • key policy areas include the protection of: prime agricultural lands, natural heritage features and areas, the quality and quantity of surface water and ground water, natural hazards, etc.
Public Lands Act	OMNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to protect and perpetuate public lands and waters for the citizens of Ontario 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires landowners to obtain work permits for activities on shorelands adjacent to navigable waters • shorelands include public or private lands, as well as areas that are seasonally inundated with water • beds of navigable waters (below high water mark) are considered Crown Lands
Trees Act	local municipality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conserves woodlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires landowners to obtain permits for the removal or clearing of trees under some circumstances
Trespass to Property Act	Ontario Provincial Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gives landowners and tenants control over who they allow to enter and use their premises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • landowners may post their land to restrict access

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