



Fact Sheet: Material Sales in Alaska

State Definition of Materials

Materials are aggregate, riprap, railroad ballast, road ballast, road metal, peat, silt, loam, sand, gravel, stone, pumice, common clay, limestone, slate, and varieties of rock or minerals that are saleable and not subject to location and any other substances from the ground that are not applied for through the location system for mining claims (e.g., gold, silver, and other metals). Materials are measured and sold in cubic yards (cy).

The authority to sell materials from state land is found under AS 38.05.550-565, and AS 38.05.810.

Identifying a Designated State Material Site

Materials may be sold or removed only from established material sites designated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), or under a Special Purposes Material Sale Contract that is associated with another DNR authorization. Information on designated material sites can be found at Regional Land Office or Public Information Center (PIC) offices listed at the end of this fact sheet.

Most designated sites can be viewed on Alaska Mapper at <https://mapper.dnr.alaska.gov/>. DNR also accepts applications to designate and develop a new material site on state land.

Establishing a new Designated Material Site

Establishing a new Designated Material Site is a disposal of state land that requires a best interest finding, public notice, and an appeal period.

Before applying for designation of a new site, a pre-application meeting is recommended to discuss the proposed site, application costs, and timelines. Contact your Regional Land Office for referral to the DNR staff who can discuss this process with you.

Personal Use of Materials

There is no charge for personal use of 2 cy or less of material per calendar year. Personal use materials must be approved by DNR and may only be removed from designated material sites.

Types of State Material Sales

Limited Material Sale Contracts are available for up to 200 cy of material from a designated material site. This is a

revocable, nonexclusive contract for personal or commercial use.

Negotiated Material Sale Contracts are required for more than 200 cy of material from designated material sites. Negotiated Material Sale Contracts may be issued for up to five years.

Competitive Material Sale Contracts are required when the sale would result in exclusive use of the designated site by the purchaser, when the materials available are insufficient to supply all anticipated buyers, when the size of the site is too small to accommodate all interested buyers, or if DNR determines it is in the best interest of the State to require a competitive sale.

Special Purposes Material Sale Contracts may be issued to holders of state authorizations such as a permit, lease, easement, or mining plan of operations to purchase material from the area encompassed by the authorization for use within the authorization without requiring a material site designation.

Purchasing Materials on State Land

To purchase material, submit the appropriate application forms to the Regional Land Office. The forms are located at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/lands/material-sales/>.

Limited Material Sales require submission of a single form. For a negotiated or competitive sale, an application package is required that includes the following:

- Material Sale Application
- Mining Reclamation Plan
- Development Plan
- Environmental Risk Questionnaire
- Application fee

Prior to issuance of a contract for a negotiated or competitive material sale contract, a performance bond and deposit are required. Proof of insurance may also be required.

Cost of Materials

The price charged for limited and negotiated sales is established by the representative regional sale which is based on the market costs of material in the area. Alternatively, the buyer may pay the fair market value of the material, determined by an appraisal, acceptable to DNR that has been completed and approved within two years before the date of sale.

The amount charged for competitive material sales will be determined by the highest bidder in the competitive sale process established by DNR. A minimum bid price is initially set by an appraisal or by the representative regional sale price.

Material sales to state agencies, federal agencies, and political subdivisions for projects that serve a public purpose may be at a price less than fair market value.

Material Sale Contract Closure

When all the terms of the material sale contract have been met to DNR's satisfaction, the material sale contract will be closed and any bond or initial deposit will be refunded. If the terms of the contract have been violated, penalties may be assessed. If additional material is needed, a new

application must be submitted and processed by DNR in order to issue a new material sale contract.

Material Site Reclamation

In accordance with AS 27.19, a material site reclamation plan or annual reclamation statement is required for all mining operations, including sand and gravel extraction. A reclamation plan is required if the operation will disturb five or more acres per year, or 50,000 cubic yards, or a cumulative disturbed area of five or more acres. A reclamation bond may also be required.

If you are applying for a material site within a wetland or water body, permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Habitat Division; and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation may be required. Also, local governments may have specific permitting requirements.

Useful Facts

- A full size pickup bed can hold approximately one cubic yard.
- A standard dump truck has a capacity of 10-12 cubic yards.
- One Cubic Yard = 1.5 Tons (approximate)

Additional information on Material Sales

Material sale applications are available from, and may be submitted to, any of the DNR offices listed below.

Southcentral Regional Land Office
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1360
Anchorage, AK 99501-3561
Phone: 907-269-8503
Fax: 907-269-8913
Email: dnr.pic@alaska.gov

Northern Regional Land Office
3700 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4699
Phone: 907-451-2705
Fax: 907-451-2706
Email: nro.lands@alaska.gov

Southeast Region Land Office
P.O. Box 111020
400 Willoughby Avenue, 4th Floor
Juneau, AK 99801
Phone: 907-465-3400
Fax: 907-586-9011
sero@alaska.gov

Statewide TTY – 711 for Alaska Relay or 1-800-770-8973