

Beaver Activity and Dams

If you one day you notice a beaver or two have moved onto your property and the critters have plugged a culvert or built a dam that is causing flooding, chewed your favorite tree, chased your dog or scared the bejabbers out of you one night, there is no use putting on your waders or calling a neighbor with an excavator to remove the dam, since it will likely be repaired or rebuilt by the next day.



If you have a beaver dam on your property that is causing concern, there are a few things you should know.

Unfortunately, the only way to entirely remove a beaver dam from a waterway or stop the destruction of your trees or property is to first remove the beavers. In the State of Indiana, Beavers are considered a nuisance animal if their activities are detrimental to your property, a public ditch, road culvert etc., then you as a landowner have the right to remove the animal or animals causing the harm. It is illegal to live trap and relocate beavers to another waterway or property, since all you are doing is moving your problem to someone else. Having an experienced trapper efficiently remove the beavers is the most humane way of regaining your property.

Once the beavers have been removed, then it is time to put on your waders, call that neighbor with an excavator or contact the guy at the Drainage Board office to have the dam removed once and for all.

If you notice a beaver has moved onto your property, you can call the office and we have several professional trappers we can call, then we can hire a contractor to remove the dam(s). Or, if your Grandpa Maynard used to trap as a kid and he still has the old traps in his barn, giving him a call would also be just fine. Just make sure to follow the appropriate wildlife nuisance guidelines. <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife-resources/animals/beaver/>

