

Does my facility require a Broward County air quality license or State of Florida air pollution permit?

Per [Broward County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Article IV, Section 27-176](#), an owner or operator of any source which emits or can reasonably be expected to emit any air pollutant, shall obtain a valid license from the Natural Resources Division (NRD) before beginning construction, modification, initial or continued operation of the source, unless exempted pursuant to this section.

What is an air pollutant?

Per [Chapter 27, Article IV, Section 27-174 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances](#), an air pollutant means any substance (particulate, liquid, gaseous, organic or inorganic) which if released, allowed to escape or emitted, whether intentionally or unintentionally, into the outdoor atmosphere, may result in or contribute to air pollution.

What is the difference between an air quality license and a state air permit?

The NRD issues air pollution licenses to existing and proposed facilities that are considered minor sources of air pollution. These facilities utilize pollution control equipment or control technology to maintain emission levels below threshold limits established by state and federal regulations. License requirements are specified in [Chapter 27, Article IV of the Broward County Code of Ordinances](#).

The NRD issues State of Florida permits under an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. These permits contain specific conditions to control air pollution and to comply with air quality regulations in the Florida Administrative Code and the Code of Federal Regulations. State air pollution permits are more complex than Broward County air licenses and require more compliance demonstration, including emissions monitoring and stack testing, routine reporting and other requirements not necessarily contained in a Broward County air license.

Do all sources of pollution require an air license or state air permit?

Unless a facility is exempt from obtaining an air quality license or a state air permit per exemption criteria contained in state and local air quality regulations, any source of air pollution requires an air license or state air permit.

What is required from NRD to obtain an air license or state air permit?

A Broward County air license application or State of Florida Air Permit application is required in order to process and issue an air license or permit. In addition, the applicable fee is required with each type of application.

Do soil or groundwater remediation systems require an air quality license or state air permit?

Yes. Projects pertaining to remediation of contaminated soil and/or groundwater require at a minimum a Broward County air license.

I'm starting a new business. How do I know if I need an air quality license or state air permit?

If you are not sure if you need an air license or permit contact the Air Quality Program at 954-519-1270. In addition, the Broward County Urban Planning Division (UPD) conducts environmental reviews of development plans to assess whether environmental licenses or permits are needed. You may contact UPD at 954-357-6634.

What are some examples of facilities that may require an air quality license or state air permit?

The following is a listing example facilities. However, this is NOT an all-inclusive list, nor does it contain all the types of facilities that require an air license or state air permit:

- Water Treatment Plants
- Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Dry Cleaners
- Soil and Groundwater Remediation System Projects
- Surface Coating Facilities (Spray Painting)
- Concrete Batch Plants
- Human and Animal Crematories
- Non-Metallic Mineral Processing Plants (Rock Crushers)
- Printing Operations
- Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing
- Halogenated Solvent Degreasers
- Miscellaneous Manufacturing Operations
- Petroleum Terminals
- Power Plants
- Landfills
- Resource Recovery Facility
- Pharmaceutical Product Manufacturing
- Solvent Degreasers
- Hot-mix Asphalt Plants
- Wood-working Facilities

In the past, I was never asked to obtain an air license or state air permit, why am I being asked to do so now?

Facilities which have been found, either through NRD review or inspection to emit or have the potential to emit air pollutants to atmosphere, are required to obtain an air license or state air permit regardless of whether or not that facility has had one in the past. This

requirement can be found in Chapter 27, Article IV, Section 27-176 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances.

Who do I contact to renew my air quality license or state air permit?

You may visit the [Air Quality Licensing and Compliance](#) webpage, or you may call the Air Quality Program at 954-519-1270.

Where can I obtain a copy of a facility's air license or state air permit?

You may call the Air Quality Program main line at 954-519-1270 and request a copy. NRD's permit and compliance files are public records.

Where can I locate a copy of the Broward County air quality code?

An electronic copy of Broward County, Chapter 27, Article IV air regulations and Broward County Ordinances can be found at the [Municode Website](#).

Where can I locate a copy of the State of Florida air quality regulations?

An electronic copy of State or Florida air quality regulations can be found at the [Florida Department of Environmental Protection website](#).

Do mobile operations require an air quality license or state air permit?

Mobile sources of air pollution at this time are not required to obtain air licenses or air permits.

Does the air quality program conduct compliance and enforcement activities?

Yes. The NRD conducts inspections of all licensed and permitted facilities to ensure compliance with air quality permit conditions and regulations. When necessary, enforcement action can occur if air quality regulations are found to have been violated.

What can I do about an indoor air quality concern such as mold or lead?

The NRD does not address indoor air quality related inquiries. For information about mold, lead or any other indoor air related concern, please contact the [Florida Department of Health – Indoor Air Quality Program](#).

Where can I report Freon being released to the atmosphere?

Concerns or complaints about air conditioning unit gases or Freon release can be reported to the [U. S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) or by calling 1-800-296-1996.