

County of Marin
Department of Public Works

Requirements for Filming

1. If the filming project involves County-maintained roads, a Film Encroachment Permit must be obtained from County of Marin Department of Public Works (DPW). Film permit applications must be submitted a minimum of three days in advance of requested date(s) of filming.
 - The filming fee is \$500 per day plus a one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$65.00. If the filming project is cancelled, all but the \$65.00 application fee will be refunded subject to verification of cancellation from the California Highway Patrol.
 - The filming company must furnish insurance coverage for liability, bodily injury and property damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000, naming the County of Marin as additional insured. This amount may be increased if dictated by special circumstances.
 - If the proposed filming will impact the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, the filming company must furnish a traffic control plan.
 - If the scope of work in the right-of-way is limited to parking, a film permit is not necessary. Please submit an [encroachment permit application](#).
 - The film permit application can be found [here](#).
2. When filming on County-maintained roads and traffic control is required, DPW will approve the traffic control plan as noted above. The California Highway Patrol will administer the traffic control plan and it is the film company's responsibility to contract with CHP directly for these services. CHP, located in Corte Madera, Marin County: (415) 924-1100.
3. **For other County of Marin filming permits:**
 - Parks & Open Space: (415) 473-6387 for filming at County Parks
 - Community Development Agency at (415) 473-6269 and CDA Code Enforcement at (415) 473-7875 for filming at the County Civic Center, County property or filming with helicopters. The cost of a Helicopter Permit is \$250 per day.
4. **Permits from agencies other than the County of Marin:** Applicant is responsible for acquiring any required permitting from other agencies to include, but not be limited to; Cal-Trans, Mt. Tamalpais State Park, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National Seashore, Tomales Bay State Park, Marin Municipal Water District, and North Marin Municipal Water District. Check area maps of the intended filming locations to see if any other agencies may have jurisdiction and contact the agency to determine their permitting requirements.
5. **Special arrangements should be made when filming at the following locations.** Applicant is responsible for contacting the following individuals:
 - **Bolinas:** Bolinas Fire Chief (Anita Brown) 868-1566; BCPUD, Jennifer Blackman (415)868-1224
 - **Fairfax-Bolinas Road:** Laurie Offenbach, Marin Municipal Water District, at (415) 945-1180 or loffenbach@marinwater.org
 - **Greensburg or Whiteplains:** Carolyn at (415) 250-6264 carolyn@goodmanmarketing.com
 - **Kent Woodlands:** Jeanne Williams at (415) 721-7429 or jwilliams@kwpoa.com
 - **Lucas Valley Homeowners Association:** Anette Lowder at 415-472-3202 or lvha@lvha.net
 - **Marshall or on Marshall-Petaluma Road:** East Shore Planning Group, Tracy Manheim at (415) 663-1030 or bteamanheim@sbcglobal.net
 - **Nicasio:** Rocky Shone, Nicasio Landowners Association President, at (415) 662-2016 or rockyandmarcy@aol.com
 - **Pt. Reyes National Seashore:** Kevin Mc Kay at (415) 464-5111 or kevin_mckay@nps.gov
 - **Tomales:** (707) 364-6397, donna.clavaud@gmail.com