



Town of Orleans, MA

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RECREATIONAL/FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS

2022 Permits are required

April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

DEFINITION OF "FAMILY" PERMIT

"Family Permit" is defined as a recreational license issued which permits spouses and dependent(s) who are domiciled and living under the same roof to harvest shellfish. Orleans offers its visitors and residents alike a wonderful opportunity to experience New England culture at its best. From steamers to quahogs to blue mussels, the shellfish in Orleans is some of the finest in the world and the experience of harvesting these tasty treats will create memories that will last a lifetime! Please remember to carefully review the Shellfish Regulations and open/closed areas (available on the website) before you go out shellfishing and feel free to call the Harbormaster/Shellfish Department at 508-240-3755 should you have any questions or wish to report a violation.

FEE SCHEDULE

- \$20.00 - persons domiciled in Orleans or Eastham
- \$20.00 – Veterans* living in Massachusetts (64 years old or younger**)
- \$10.00 – Veterans* living in Massachusetts (65 years old or older**)
- \$10.00 - persons 65 years or older** domiciled in Orleans or Eastham
- \$20.00 - Orleans property owners
- \$70.00 - Massachusetts Residents
- \$70.00 - Out of State Residents

* - Veterans must provide an Honorable DD214 Form or Veteran I.D. to qualify for Veteran discount.
** - Must provide a valid I.D. with birthdate to be eligible for senior rate

PURCHASING A PERMIT

Beginning March 21, 2022 – Family Shellfish permits are available for purchase on our Online Sticker Portal ([link on the Town website](#)) and through the mail-in program. The sticker office is closed for walk-in sales for the 2022 season. You are required to provide a valid driver's license or federal I.D, as well as any applicable documents related to discounted rates. Previous seasons permit holders are required to submit their previous shellfish permit with accurate catch data on the backside before being issued a new permit.

SHELLFISHING TIPS

- Always review Shellfish Regulations, Open/Closed Areas with map, and local tides/weather conditions. All this information is available on the Town website under Shellfish/Harbormaster.
- Keep your shellfish permit with you. A sealable plastic bag will keep it dry.
- Carry your shellfish gauge with you. Most folks tie them to their clam baskets.
- Leave the shovels at home. You can only dig with rakes or your hands.
- Re-bury any undersized shellfish. Let them grow to be enjoyed another day.
- Don't forget bug spray! No see-ums and greenhead flies love the tidal flats.
- Wear boots or old sneakers to prevent cuts from broken shells.

NOTICE FROM ORLEANS TREASURER/COLLECTOR

In accordance with Town of Orleans Bylaws Chapter 94 through 96, the renewal or granting of Town licenses or permits may be denied if the taxpayer, owner, permit customer, or subject property has tax bills, water charges, betterments, assessments, or other municipal charges past due. See Treasurer/Collectors Department for further explanation.