



ODA Water Supply Plan FAQ

Where can I find my water right certification or permit number?

Use the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) website to find information on your water rights. OWRD has a Water Rights information system you can find here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/waterrights/wris/pages/default.aspx>

Who can I ask about legal and authorizable water uses?

Each district has a dedicated OWRD watermaster available to answer your site-specific questions. You can find your local watermaster here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/aboutus/contactus/pages/regionalofficesandwatermastersdirectory.aspx>

What kind of agricultural water use falls under the commercial/industrial groundwater exemption of 5,000gallons/day?

Water used for processing, cleaning, and cooling would all fall under exempt use for a CAFO operation so long as that use remains under 5,000 gallons/day and comes from a groundwater source.

What should I do if my water use estimate is over the exempt amount?

List an accurate estimate and any additional water sources you have. Contact your local watermaster with any questions or concerns regarding applying for a water right and the process of securing a permit or certificate.

I am unable to secure a water right/ am waiting on the outcome of a contested water right. How can I get the water I need to irrigate my fields?

You may be able to register for reuse of CAFO effluent to supplement your water sources. You can find more information at: <https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/waterrights/otherauth/pages/cafoindustrialreuse.aspx>

How do I find out if my operation is located in a critical groundwater area?

You can speak to your local watermaster or you can use OWRD's mapping tool at:

<https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/gis/wr/Default.aspx>