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## Chlorine Residual Reporting Requirements

As a reminder, water suppliers that add chlorine to their water supply for any reason are required to report the chlorine residual measured at the same time as collecting routine and repeat coliform samples from the distribution system. This monitoring is to ensure a detectable chlorine residual is maintained throughout the distribution system as required in OAR 333-061-0036(9).

**Starting in April of 2026, DWS will issue violations to water systems that do not report a measured chlorine residual with their required distribution coliform samples.** The violation will return to compliance if a detectable chlorine residual is reported with the next coliform sample.

In addition, water suppliers must measure chlorine residual at one or more representative points in the distribution system twice or more weekly. Measurements need to be recorded and kept in a convenient location at the water system.

Please contact your regulating agency if you have questions about chlorine residual monitoring and reporting for your water system.

## Certification News

Tester, Specialist, Distribution and Treatment certification renewals are wrapping up for people with last names beginning with L–Z. If you have not yet submitted your renewal form, please be aware that your certifications lapsed on December 31, 2025, and renewals submitted now will incur a \$50 late fee.

**Backflow testers with lapsed certifications may not perform any testing, and drinking water operators with lapsed certifications may not make operational decisions or be designated as Direct Responsible Charge (DRC).**

Certified Operators, Testers, and Specialists who fail to renew their certification(s) for one year following the expiration date of the certification must re-apply for certification.

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## Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs

Oregon's [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \(DWSRF\)](#) provides low-cost loans to community and nonprofit non-community public water systems for planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure improvements. All projects receive part of the loan as principal forgiveness.

### Program Updates:

- Check out the recent improvements to the [Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects \(SIPP\)](#) funding guidelines [here](#). Descriptions of all fundable categories have been updated, in addition to a newly expanded category for Security Risk, Vulnerability, and/or Resiliency Studies (including information technology/cybersecurity), and addition of a new category for Community Engagement Plans for Water Projects.

## Upcoming Application Deadlines:

- DWSRF Infrastructure Funding - Next letter of interest deadline is February 15, 2027.
- Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP) Funding – Next application deadline is August 15, 2026.
- [Small System Equipment Assistance \(SSEA\)](#) Funding – Next application deadline is August 15, 2026.

### How to Apply:

Visit [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#) to view available funding programs. Business Oregon's [Regional Development Officers](#) can assist eligible water systems with the best funding options in their area. And OHA's [Circuit Rider Program](#) offers up to 10 hours of free on-site technical assistance, including assistance with funding applications.

Questions? Reach out to OHA-Drinking Water Services at [dws.srf@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:dws.srf@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

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## Congratulations to Outstanding Performers!

Public water systems achieve Outstanding Performer status when they have no significant deficiencies identified and no unresolved violations, as evaluated during their routine water system surveys. Those that meet the Outstanding Performer criteria have their survey frequency reduced from every three years to every five years.

Below is a list of water systems that have met the established criteria for outstanding performance during the period of September 1 through December 30, 2025. (Some survey results from that period may still be in the data entry process, so the list may be incomplete.) DWS congratulates the operators of these systems for jobs well done!

Go [here](#) to find out how to qualify as an Outstanding Performer.

<b>PWS Name</b>	<b>County Served</b>
AVION WC - GREATER AVION	Deschutes
AVION WC - RED CLOUD	Crook
BORING WATER DISTRICT NO 24	Clackamas
BURNS WATER DEPARTMENT	Harney
CORNELIUS, CITY OF	Washington
COVE, CITY OF	Union
CROSSROADS MOBILE HOME PARK	Klamath
EUGENE MOBILE VILLAGE	Lane
GRESHAM, CITY OF	Multnomah
HERITAGE HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSN	Coos
HUBBARD, CITY OF	Marion
LAKESHORE WATER COMPANY	Lane
MEADOW CREEK SUBDIVISION	Josephine
MEADOW WOOD ESTATES	Linn
MILL CITY WATER DEPARTMENT	Linn
MONMOUTH, CITY OF	Polk
MORO, CITY OF	Sherman
NORWOOD PUD	Josephine
REDWOOD WATER SERVICE INC	Linn
RIDGEWATER WATER SYSTEM	Klamath
ROCK OF AGES REST HOME	Yamhill
ROCKWOOD PUD	Multnomah
SCIO, CITY OF	Linn
SEAVEY LOOP WATER COMPANY	Lane
SISTERS, CITY OF	Deschutes
SKYRIDGE HOA	Lane
SOUTH FORK FOREST CAMP	Tillamook
STEEVES MOBILE CITY	Clackamas
TONE WATER DISTRICT	Tillamook
VILLAGE AT SEAVEY LOOP	Lane
WALLACE ACRES WATER COMPANY	Deschutes
WARREN WATER ASSOCIATION	Columbia
WEST LINN, CITY OF	Clackamas
WILLAMETTE WATER COMPANY	Lane
WILLOW GLEN SUBDIVISION	Josephine
WOODBURN, CITY OF	Marion

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## **Training Opportunities**

Find information about free trainings, webinars and CEUs on the Operator Certification Training Opportunities web page at [www.healthoregon.org/dwtraining](http://www.healthoregon.org/dwtraining).

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