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## Consumer Confidence Report

Be aware of the Revised Consumer Confidence Report Rule (CCR) requirements that took effect January 1, 2026. **CCRs delivered by July 1, 2026 (summarizing 2025 water quality data) will have:**

- A shortened certification deadline: Reports must be sent to consumers by July 1<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the CCR and the [certification form](#) must be sent to DWS ([dwp.dmce@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:dwp.dmce@odhsoha.oregon.gov)) by July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Expanded delivery options: In addition to physical mailing, the rule allows for electronic delivery.
- Mandatory summary, enhanced lead and corrosion information, data presentation flexibility, updated definitions and health language, language accessibility requirements, Internet posting requirement (50,000+ users), and more.

The updates listed above are just some of the new or revised requirements. Check our CCR website ([here](#)), which includes a link to a [side-by-side comparison](#) between the previous and new CCR requirements.

We encourage you to review [OAR 333-061-0043](#) for the full text of these revisions and the mandatory health effects language, and to contact your drinking water regulator if you have questions.

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## Certification News

**Tester, Specialist, Distribution and Treatment operators** with last names beginning L-Z who have not submitted their renewal form(s) will find that their certifications lapsed on December 31, 2025.

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 (12/31/2026) of the certification must reapply for certification.

If you've submitted your renewal paperwork, you can check your status by reviewing the [online certification list](#). Once there, type your last name into the search bar. If you are not on the list, your paperwork hasn't been received.

If it has been over two weeks since you submitted your paperwork, please contact the program:

Tester and Specialist Certification:  
[cross.connection@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:cross.connection@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

Distribution and Treatment Certification:  
[dws.opcert@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:dws.opcert@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

**CEU audit time** for randomly selected L-Z Distribution and Treatment operators. Operators who were chosen received an email sent to the email address on file.

**Small water system operators** whose certifications expire July 31, 2026, were mailed renewal notices last fall. Attending the Small Water Operator Training Course is a requirement before renewing. For course information visit our [website](#). Register for the free training on [OAWUs website](#).

To request a copy of your small water renewal notice, email: [dws.opcert@odhsoha.oregon.gov/](mailto:dws.opcert@odhsoha.oregon.gov/)

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## **DEQs new factsheet on Forestry Notifications for Drinking Water Source Protection**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's Drinking Water Source Protection Program recommends that public water systems subscribe to the Oregon Department of Forestry's [E-Notification](#) system to stay informed and engage early in land management activities that may affect water sources. These subscriptions enable water systems to receive alerts about nearby forestry activities that could affect drinking water quality.

Please note that all subscriptions expire on December 31 each year. To continue receiving notifications, you will need to renew your subscription annually.

To learn more, visit [Protecting Your Source](#) and view the [Forestry Notifications for Drinking Water Source Protection](#) fact sheet for detailed guidance and resources.

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## **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program**

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:

- **Upcoming Application Deadlines:**
  - DWSRF Infrastructure Funding - Next letter of interest deadline is February 15, 2027.
  - [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\) Emerging Contaminants](#) Funding – Next application deadline is August 15, 2026.
  - [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 for populations under 10,000 – this includes 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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## Source Water Protection Award Recipients

### **Congratulations to Drinking Water Source Protection Award Recipients!**

The following public water systems have demonstrated excellence in protecting their drinking water sources from sources of contamination. These systems have implemented risk-reduction strategies within their drinking water source area(s) that can reduce the risk of exposing consumers to contaminated water and potentially reduce water treatment costs. The award may be used to promote customer trust, develop positive customer relations, and build public support for protecting drinking water sources. Congratulations to all!

Want to learn more? Think you may be eligible for the award? Please go [here](#) for more information (click on the "Drinking Water Source Protection Award and survey" link) or contact DWS at 971-673-0405 or DEQ at [Drinkingwater.Protection@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:Drinkingwater.Protection@deq.oregon.gov).

## Award Recipients

September 30th through March 30th, 2026

<u>PWS Name</u>	<u>County</u>
ONCALLA, CITY OF	Douglas
CYPRESS GROVE RV PARK	Jackson
CIRCLE TREE MOBILE PARK/RANCH	Josephine
RHODODENDRON WTR ASSOC	Clackamas
ROCKAWAY BEACH, CITY OF	Tillamook
PP&L-TOKETEE VILLAGE	Douglas
SW LINCOLN CO WATER PUD	Lincoln

## 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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[info.drinkingwater@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:info.drinkingwater@odhsoha.oregon.gov) or 971-673-0405

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