
Drinking Water Services

Program Overview

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How do we ensure Safe Drinking Water?



Safe Drinking Water Act

Multiple Barriers to Protect Public Health



Barrier #1.

Source
Water
Protection



Barrier #2.

Standards
and
Treatment



Barrier #3.

Monitoring
and
Reporting



Barrier #4.

Consumer
Awareness

Is everyone's drinking water regulated?

Public Water Systems are regulated (3 types):

- **Community Water Systems.** Serves 15 or more connections or 25 or more residents year round (e.g. Cities, towns, mobile home parks).
- **Non-Community Systems.** Not year round. Non-Transient systems serve the same people over 6 months per year (e.g. schools, factories). Transient systems serve different people daily, at least 60 days a year (e.g. campgrounds, restaurants).
- **State Regulated Systems.** Serves 4 to 14 connections or 10 to 24 people. Systems below this threshold and domestic wells are unregulated, though the OHA Domestic Well Safety Program provides education and assistance.

Is my drinking water safe?

Oregon
Health
Authority

Public Water Supplies are generally very safe

- Public water systems are generally safer and more stringently regulated than bottled water.
- If contaminants are detected above standards, water utilities are required to notify customers.
- Water utilities publish annual Consumer Confidence Reports that provide information on compliance.
- Information on all public water systems is accessible on Drinking Water Data Online.

Drinking Water Data Online—a public resource



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Oregon Drinking Water Services

Working to keep drinking water safe for Oregonians

Access to safe drinking water is essential to human health. Each person on Earth requires at least 20 to 50 liters of clean, safe water a day for drinking, cooking and simply keeping themselves clean. Oregon Drinking Water Services works to help keep drinking water safe for Oregonians.

Oregon Drinking Water Services (DWS) administers and enforces drinking water quality standards for public water systems in the state of Oregon. DWS focuses resources in the areas of highest public health benefit and promotes voluntary compliance with state and federal drinking water standards. DWS also emphasizes prevention of contamination through source water protection, provides technical assistance to water systems and provides water system operator training.



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Services

- Cross Connection & Backflow Prevention
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Emergency Preparedness & Security
- Groundwater & Source Water Protection
- Monitoring & Reporting
- Operator Certification
- Plan Review

Resources

- County & Department of Agriculture Resources
- Domestic Well Safety Program
- Drinking Water Advisory Committee
- Drinking Water Data Online
- For Consumers
- Rules & Implementation Guidance
- Training Opportunities

News and Hot Topics

Link

- [Pipeline Newsletter, January 2017](#)
- [Information on Healthy School Facilities](#)
- [For water systems: Pay your 2016 survey fee online](#)
- [Water Systems: What are you doing for National Drinking Water Week?](#)