



YCWRS – Water Availability

Yakima County Water Resource System

Application, Checklist and Procedure

Ordinance 13-2017 (Section 12.08.390)

**STEP
1 & 2**

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October 30, 2018

REQUIRED: Tax Parcel Number: (11 digits)
 (Reference WWW.YAKIMAP.COM for assistance)
 Example: 18 13 23 --- 1 2 3 4 5

Subdivision or Short Plat Number _____

Lot # _____

Office Use Only: _____ **DATE:** _____

YCWRS Case: WRS

BLD / PLN Case: _____

County Staff: _____

(Road name or address if assigned)
Site address: _____ **City:** _____

(print clearly)
Applicant Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please check only if you are the Property Owner

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Residence/1 Connection 2 Residence/ADU or 2 Party Well Other _____

Has the well been drilled (constructed)? No (Begin at Step 1) Yes (Begin at Step 2)

Statements of Understanding

- (Step 1)** I understand the well depth standard varies from location to location and that **Yakima County will provide me with the well depth/and or water bearing unit standard** for my property following their review of my properties eligibility.
- (Step 2)** I understand that following construction of the well I must **re-submit this form** with a **Water Well Report** to Yakima County verifying the well meets the well depth standard.
- (Step 3)** I understand that following construction of the well I must file an **Adequate Water Determination Application** with the Yakima Health District verifying the well provides an adequate quantity and quality of water. Please contact the Yakima Health District (509 249-6508 or 575-4040) for application, fees and requirements. **(A completed copy of this form with your well report must accompany your AWD application, water test documentation, and the AWD associated fees).**
- (Step 4)** I understand a **YCWRS well must be metered** in accordance with Yakima County standards.
- I understand I must provide Yakima County with a completed **Well Permit Application**, (and associated permit fee) and a **Water Metering Agreement** before receiving a YCWRS Well Permit. *(Please provide a copy of your property legal description on a separate sheet of paper along with the signed water agreement.)*
- I understand Yakima County is not responsible for the quality or quantity of water provided from the well.
- I understand water from the well is for **use on the parcel within this application only** and is **not transferable** for use at other locations or additional connections.
- I understand Yakima County shall be held harmless for misinterpretation or misrepresentation of documents I provide to obtain my permits.

I _____ have read and understand the YCWRS Provisions and Statements of Understanding.
 (print name)

Owner/Applicant Signature _____ **Date:** _____



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WRS
BLD / PLN Case:

Step 1

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY - Yakima County Public Services Water Resources Division	
PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY REVIEW for YCWRS METERED WELL	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES - Parcel is an eligible property as defined in 12.08.400	
Required well depth standard/water bearing zone: (For new wells, provide the following to well driller.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO , property is NOT eligible for YCWRS metered well. Provide documentation for the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water right permit from Department of Ecology.	<input type="checkbox"/> Water purveyor documentation.
<input type="checkbox"/> Documentation the well is located outside Yakima River watershed.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yakama Nation Water Code Permit.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify reason):	
Reviewer's Name: (Print)	
Reviewer's Signature:	Date:

Step 2

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY - Yakima County Public Services Water Resources Division	
WELL DEPTH STANDARD REVIEW	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes The well meets the depth standard as defined in 12.08.410.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Comment:	
Reviewer's Name: (Print)	
Reviewer's Signature:	Date:



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There are several steps through the process to obtain approval for domestic water / potable water for construction of a residence or land use action.
Throughout the process at each step, always maintain a copy of the documents as they are updated for your records.
The forms will need to be reviewed by several departments signed and re-submitted. Please clearly print your information on the application form to ensure the review documents will be returned to the appropriate address.

“Yakima County Water Resource System (YCWRS)” is a water system organized pursuant to RCW 36.94.140 which provides service to the public in the form of “mitigated” or “water budget neutral” water supplies for domestic use through the withdrawal of domestic supply from a groundwater permit exempt well. The service area of the water system is all of the privately held property in Yakima County within the Yakima River watershed except those areas within the corporate limits of a City, within the exterior boundaries of the Yakama Reservation, or within the service areas of a Group A and Group B water systems in existence prior to January 1, 2018. The YCWRS holds senior water rights and allows the use of such rights by the public when wells are constructed and metered according to YCWRS procedures.

Check when Completed

- Step 1:** (New well not yet drilled) Complete the Water Availability form and submit to Yakima County Public Services to determine **well depth/and or water bearing unit standard**.
 When depth is determined by Yakima County as indicated (maintain a copy of the form for your records and provide a copy to the well driller. When completed, see *Step 2 for well depth verification and (Step 3, a water sample/ test is required)*).
- Step 2:** **Submit the completed Water Availability form with your Water Well Report to Yakima County** following construction of the well to verify the well meets the well depth standard. (Maintain a copy of the updated form) When completed, see *Step 3*.
- Step 3: (Well depth has been confirmed)**. Submit a copy of the Approved Water Availability form with your Water Well Report, and water test to **Yakima Health District** with an AWD-Adequate Water Determination application (and associated fees). When completed, see *Step 4*.
- Step 4: Property owner must apply for YCWRS Metered Well Permit**. Provide records listed above with an **YCWRS Well Permit application, Water Metering Agreement**, and **copy of property legal description** (attach a separate page) to Yakima County Public Services. A metered well permit can only be issued when associated with a Building Permit or Land Use Action.

YCWRS Provisions

- 12.08.390 – Applicability** - An applicant for a building permit or land use permit necessitating an adequate water supply determination where potable water is not available from an approved water purveyor, may obtain a YCWRS domestic well permit for a permit exempt well as evidence of the legal availability of water up to 5,000 gallons per day, provided the applicant’s property is an eligible property as defined in 12.08.400 and further provided that the well is an eligible well as defined in 12.08.410.
- 12.08.400 – Property Eligibility Criteria** - An applicant for an YCWRS domestic well permit for a specific property and use shall go through an eligibility review process. The review process shall include an evaluation of YCWRS water availability for the property and the proposed use of the well. Only those properties located within areas of the county where the YCWRS has water available shall be eligible properties for an YCWRS domestic well permit.
- 12.08.410 – Well Eligibility Criteria** - A permit exempt well on an eligible property may be permitted as an YCWRS domestic well provided the well meets the well depth standards contained in 12.08.420. In such cases, the applicant for an YCWRS domestic well permit shall provide a well report meeting the requirement of WAC 173-160-141 to the county for a well depth standard evaluation.
- 12.08.420 – Well Depth Standards** - The YCWRS holds senior water rights and allows the use of such rights by the public when wells are constructed according to YCWRS procedures. Accordingly, all permit exempt water wells permitted as an YCWRS domestic well must be constructed to the water bearing zone as specified by the public services director.
- 12.08.440 – Limitations on Use** - An YCWRS domestic well permit for a permit exempt well may only be obtained concurrent with a building permit or a land use permit. The amount of water withdrawal permitted shall not exceed 5,000 gallons per day.

Agency contact information or required documents:

Department of Ecology - <i>Intent to drill a well or Water Well Report</i>	(509) 575-2490
Yakima Health District <i>Adequate Water Determination</i>	(509) 249-6508
Yakima County Water Resources or Utilities Division	(509) 574-2300
Yakama Nation Water Code Permit 214 Ivy Street, Wapato WA 98951	(509) 865-5121 Ext. 6121 or 6122