



YCWRS – Water Availability

Yakima County Water Resource System

Application and Checklist

Ordinance 13-2017 (Section 12.08.390)

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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:** Complete the Water Availability Application and submit to Yakima County Public Services to determine **well depth/and or water bearing unit standard**.
- Step 2:** Submit a copy of your **Water Well Report** to Public Services 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 an Adequate Water Determination (AWD) application to Yakima Health District with your Water Well Report and Water Test results and associated fees. When completed, see Step 4.
- Step 4: Property owner must complete Water Metering Agreement** and pay associated fees. Provide a copy of the properties unabbreviated full legal description (attach a separate page) to Yakima County Public Services. When completed, see Step 5.
- Step 5: Prior to occupancy**, the meter box and meter setter must be installed. After installation, call Public Services Utilities at (509) 574-2360 to schedule the installation of the Yakima County water meter and transmitter.

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.

Agency contact information or required documents:

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

Retain this cover page for your records. All steps above must be completed prior to occupancy.

My WRS Case is: WRS _____ .

My assigned Project Coordinator or Planner is: _____



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STEP
1

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REQUIRED: Tax Parcel Number: (11 digits)

(Reference WWW.YAKIMAP.COM for assistance)

Example: 18 13 23 --- 12345

Parcel #: _____ - _____

Subdivision or Short Plat Number

Lot #

(Road name or address if assigned)

Site address: _____ **City:** _____

(print clearly)

Applicant Name:

Phone:

Check if you are the property owner

Mailing Address:

City, State, ZIP:

E-mail:

Signature:

Date:

Has the well been drilled (constructed)?

No (Begin at Step 1)

Yes (Begin at Step 2)

PLEASE CHECK BELOW THE TYPE OF BUILDING OR LAND USE PERMIT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

_____ Number of connections requested

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE (Number of Units) _____

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT

COMMERCIAL

INDUSTRIAL

LAND USE PERMIT OR OTHER – Please Describe:

Statements of Understanding

- I understand a YCWRS domestic well permit for a permit exempt well may only be obtained concurrent with a building permit or a land use permit and is provided as mitigation to senior water rights.
- I understand a YCWRS Well Permit will not be issued until I receive an approved Water Availability Review by Yakima County and an approved Water Adequacy Determination by the Yakima Health District. I also understand I must provide a completed Water Metering Agreement to Yakima County before receiving a YCWRS Well Permit.
- I understand the amount of water withdrawal permitted from a YCWRS well shall not exceed 5,000 gallons per day.
- I understand a YCWRS well must be metered and that I am responsible for installing a meter box and meter setter in accordance with Yakima County standards.
- I understand once I have installed a meter box and meter setter that Yakima County will install the meter and transmitter.
- I understand once installed, the meter and transmitter will remain the property of Yakima County and all other materials required for the water service including but not limited to the well, pump, service line, meter box and meter setter will remain my property.
- I understand the County's cost to install the meter and transmitter is not included in the connection permit charge and that the actual meter and transmitter installation cost will be billed when charges have been finalized. Please check www.yakimacounty.us/Faq.aspx?QID=476 for estimated associated fees.
- I understand YCWRS wells are subject to quarterly *Ready to Serve Charges* and *Water Consumption Charges* in accordance with Yakima County Code 12.08.
- I understand I am granting access to the meter on this parcel by Yakima County and its contractors for reading, repair, or replacement.
- 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 if I am later required to connect to a municipal water source, the YCWRS water right with the parcel will be returned to Yakima County Water Resource System. Yakima County will pay for decommissioning of the well on the parcel as provided in Yakima County Code 12.08.
- I understand that should I not comply in the statements above and all requirements, enforcement action may be taken in accordance with Yakima County Code 12.08.
- I understand Yakima County shall be held harmless for misinterpretation or misrepresentation of documents I provide to obtain my permits.

I (print name) _____ have read and understand the Statements of Understanding listed above.

Property Owner Signature _____ Date: _____

Note: In accordance with the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (Red Flag Rule), and Yakima County Resolution 207-2009 Identity Theft Prevention Program, all new water system applicants must apply in person to permit the validation of the identity of the person opening the account.