



**CLATSOP COUNTY
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Proof of the availability of water for domestic use is required whenever the County approves a building permit for residential construction. The County will not allow a new residence to be built or occupied unless adequate water is available.

Why? A home is not habitable without indoor running water. Sanitation and convenience are two obvious reasons for providing a source of water in every home. County water standards do not guarantee a safe supply of drinking water, but they help assure that sufficient water is available at the time a building permit is issued.

Many areas outside of city limits are served by water districts or community water systems. In these areas, water is available on much the same basis as it is inside cities. For example,, the cities of Warrenton and Astoria provide water service to many residents outside of their city limits.

But large areas of the County have no water service. Residents in thee areas rely on individual wells or surface water withdrawal for their water.

How Much Water is Required?

Clatsop County requires a year-round supply of at least 250 gallons of water per day for each dwelling.

What Information Do I Need to Show Adequate Water?

Depending on your water source, one of several proofs will be needed:

- **Water district or a community water system:** A letter from the district of system manager stating that they will provide service to the property line.
- **Well:** Well log data sheet from a licensed well driller, plus a potability test from a certified water-testing lab.
- **Spring:** Surface water rights from the Oregon Department of Water Resources; plus a potability test from a certified water-testing lab; plus evidence that the flow equals or exceeds 2/25 gallons per minute.
- **Surface Water:** Surface water rights to at lease 2.25 gallons per minute from the Oregon Department of Water Resources; plus a potability test from a certified water testing lab.

We can provide more information about these standards. Call us at (503) 325-8611.

Resources

Some of the larger local water districts and suppliers and their phone numbers are:

Warrenton	(503) 861-2233
Astoria	325-5821
Seaside	738-5511
Knappa Water	458-6451
Youngs River/	325-4330
Lewis & Clark	
Arch Cape	436-2790

The State Water Resources Department issues and records surface water rights. Information about ITS program can be obtained by calling ITS office in Portland at (503) 378-3739.

Well-drillers are licensed by the state. The telephone directory lists these businesses in the yellow pages under "*well drilling and services.* "

Contact the State Water Resources Department at (503) 378-3739 for a list of licensed well drillers.