

Safe Water

Access to safe and reliable drinking water is a basic human right. Clean, safe water is indispensable to sustaining healthy livelihoods and ensuring that ‘no one is left behind’ on the road towards sustainable development.



Environmental Health regulates 21 small drinking water systems as well as recreational waters such as public pools, spas and wading pools in Clatsop County.

Clatsop County Environmental Health does not have regulatory authority over outdoor recreational water, however the following state resources are provided for reference.

Click the sections below to learn more:

Drinking Water Program

A public water system provides water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances to at least 15 service connections or serves an average of at least 25 people for at least 60 days a year. A public water system may be publicly or privately owned.

Clatsop County Environmental Health administers drinking water quality standards for systems serving 3,300 or fewer customers and/or using groundwater sources. Other systems are managed by the [Oregon Drinking Water Program](#). Our purpose is to reduce health risk and increase compliance with drinking water standards. Our goal is to prevent contamination of these systems through source protection and technical assistance.

Water System Inventory - Clatsop County EH

<i>ID Link Water System</i>	<i>Population Served # Connections</i>	
00054 BURNSIDE WATER ASSOCIATION	315	112
94481 CAMP 18	69	5
95443 CAMP RILEA	136	75
00044 CANNON VIEW PARK INC	75	50
00804 ELDERBERRY NEHALEM WS	140	60

00805	MAPLE ELSIE WATER SERVICE	100	47
00059	FERNHILL COMMUNITY WTR SYSTEM	300	91
00318	GEARHART WATER DEPARTMENT	1,780	1,600
00060	JOHN DAY WATER DISTRICT	350	101
00061	KNAPPA WATER ASSOCIATION	1,800	605
95297	ODF NORTHRUP CREEK HORSE CAMP HP 55		1
90762	ODF SPRUCE RUN PARK HP	40	1
91097	ODOT HD SUNSET SPRINGS RA	500	3
00057	OLNEY-WALLUSKI WATER ASSN	530	233
90413	ONEYS RESTAURANT/LOUNGE	60	6
91007	OPRD BRADLEY STATE WAYSIDE	383	2
00933	SUNSET LAKE RV PARK	170	100
00951	WAUNA WATER DISTRICT	188	68
00195	WESTPORT HEIGHTS	90	40
00950	WESTPORT WATER ASSOCIATION	550	165
00058	WILLOW DALE WATER DISTRICT	300	125

Resources for Consumers - [Oregon Health Authority link](#)

Information about [Lead in Drinking Water](#)

Public Pools, Spas and Wading Pools

We inspect public pools and spas for safety and disease prevention twice a year.

Why? People can get sick from being in unsafe pool or spa water or develop skin problems because of the amount and kind of chemicals in the water.

We inspect the pool/spa water chemistry to make sure:

- There is enough disinfecting agent in the water to kill bacteria and other microorganisms
- The pool area is clean and safe
- The filtration system is operating correctly, and
- All life-saving and safety equipment is in place and in working order.



The State of Oregon's Public Pool and Tourist Facility Program [website](#) has more information.

Pool and Spa Operator Training

Certification of hotel and motel pool/spa operators is not required by law in Oregon, however, Clatsop County Environmental Health strongly recommends hotel employees receive training so they will be better able to:

- Keep pools and spas open and safe
- Store dangerous chemicals safely
- Know how to improve pool and spa operations, water chemistry control, and
- Improve health and safety practices.

[Click here to be redirected to the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance's page for Certified Pool Operator \(CPO\) trainings.](#)

Resources for Outdoor Recreational Water



Harmful Algal Blooms



Recreational Shellfish Biotoxin Closures



Information about Shellfish Biotoxins