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

ID Link Water System	Population Served # Connections	
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

5 MAPLE ELSIE WATER SERVICE	100	47
9 FERNHILL COMMUNITY WTR SYSTEM	300	91
8 GEARHART WATER DEPARTMENT	1,780	1,600
O JOHN DAY WATER DISTRICT	350	101
1 KNAPPA WATER ASSOCIATION	1,800	605
ODF NORTHRUP CREEK HORSE CAMP HE	² 55	1
ODF SPRUCE RUN PARK HP	40	1
7 ODOT HD SUNSET SPRINGS RA	500	3
7 OLNEY-WALLUSKI WATER ASSN	530	233
3 ONEYS RESTAURANT/LOUNGE	60	6
7 OPRD BRADLEY STATE WAYSIDE	383	2
3 SUNSET LAKE RV PARK	170	100
1 WAUNA WATER DISTRICT	188	68
5 WESTPORT HEIGHTS	90	40
WESTPORT WATER ASSOCIATION	550	165
8 WILLOW DALE WATER DISTRICT	300	125
	5 MAPLE ELSIE WATER SERVICE 9 FERNHILL COMMUNITY WTR SYSTEM 8 GEARHART WATER DEPARTMENT 0 JOHN DAY WATER DISTRICT 1 KNAPPA WATER ASSOCIATION 7 ODF NORTHRUP CREEK HORSE CAMP HE 2 ODF SPRUCE RUN PARK HP 7 ODOT HD SUNSET SPRINGS RA 7 OLNEY-WALLUSKI WATER ASSN 3 ONEYS RESTAURANT/LOUNGE 7 OPRD BRADLEY STATE WAYSIDE 3 SUNSET LAKE RV PARK 1 WAUNA WATER DISTRICT 5 WESTPORT HEIGHTS 0 WESTPORT WATER ASSOCIATION 8 WILLOW DALE WATER DISTRICT	9 FERNHILL COMMUNITY WTR SYSTEM 300 8 GEARHART WATER DEPARTMENT 1,780 0 JOHN DAY WATER DISTRICT 350 1 KNAPPA WATER ASSOCIATION 1,800 7 ODF NORTHRUP CREEK HORSE CAMP HP 55 2 ODF SPRUCE RUN PARK HP 40 7 ODOT HD SUNSET SPRINGS RA 500 7 OLNEY-WALLUSKI WATER ASSN 530 3 ONEYS RESTAURANT/LOUNGE 60 7 OPRD BRADLEY STATE WAYSIDE 383 3 SUNSET LAKE RV PARK 170 1 WAUNA WATER DISTRICT 188 5 WESTPORT HEIGHTS 90 0 WESTPORT WATER ASSOCIATION 550

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.



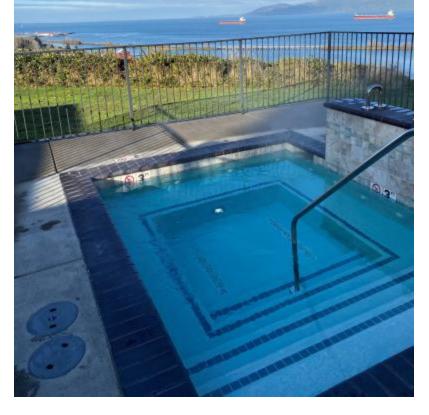


Certification of hotel and motel pool/spa operators is not required by law in Oregon, however, Clatsop County Environmental Health strongly recommends hotel employees receive training so they will be better able to:

- 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