

PUBLIC WATER VERIFICATION INFORMATION

COWLITZ COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UNIT

For the purpose of potable water verification, public water systems fall under two categories: Exempt and Non-Exempt. Building projects involving plumbing require verification of a potable water source. In these instances, a new verification must be made for any existing verification older than one (1) year or when no verification information exists. The EHU does not track nor know the extent of service provided by ANY public water system.

Parcels Utilizing Exempt Water Systems

A list of Exempt water systems is included with this packet. To verify an Exempt water system, the EHU must know which system is utilized. All documents submitted must clearly identify the system name and address of the property being served. The following are acceptable means of notification:

1. A copy of a receipt stub from the system's billing department. The document becomes public record, so block out any sensitive information you don't want to be seen.
2. A signed letter by the system's purveyor, indicating an available connection.
3. A phone call to the EHU letting staff know the system name. The purveyor will be contacted to verify, over the phone, an available connection.

Parcels Utilizing Non-Exempt Water Systems

Non-Exempt water systems have a maximum number of connections available. Applicants will be notified if the limit has been reached during review. To verify a Non-Exempt water system, the EHU will require the following be submitted:

1. A completed Public Water Verification template, signed by the water purveyor **OR** a letter drafted and signed by the water purveyor which includes all information requested within the template.
2. Payment of Public Water Verification fee.

The permitting agencies do not guarantee future water quality or quantity.



Exempt Public Water Systems

Cowlitz County Public Works
Castle Rock Municipal Water, System ID 11800
City of Longview, System ID 48100
City of Woodland, System ID 98200
City of Kelso, System ID 38000
City of Kalama, System ID 37550
Toutle Community Regional, System ID 88905
Beacon Hill (Lexington Estates Subdivision) ID 15650D



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PUBLIC WATER AVAILABILITY NOTIFICATION

This form **must** be completed by the water purveyor, operations manager, water commissioner, or their designee.

For each commitment for a water hook-up, please complete the section below. Verbal approval over the phone and completion by any other person other than the authorized personnel for the water supply will not be accepted.

The Public Water System (name) _____,

State ID No. _____, is approved, capable of supplying, and will supply water to

(property owner) _____ for _____ connection(s) located

at: (parcel number or property address) _____.

1. Project description, this connection is to be used for the following:

2. Project purpose, the connection is for (please choose one):

New Connection
Replacing Existing Connection

Remodeling
Expanded Use

This Availability Letter is valid for one (1) year.

Purveyor's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____

For more information, contact OMseptic@co.cowlitz.wa.us. Permit intake and issuance hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm.