



WELL SITE APPLICATION

Process

Prior to drilling a new well, the location of the well is reviewed by Thurston County Environmental Health. An approved Well Site Inspection Application is required prior to constructing any well that is to serve as the drinking water source for a public water system (Group A, Group B and 2-Party).

Water System Classifications:

- **Group A Public Water System** is classified as a community system with 15 or more residences or serves greater than an average population of 25 or more people per day for 60 days per year.
- **Group B Public Water System** is classified as a community system serving 3 to 14 residences and less than 25 people per day (such as a workplace) or 25 or more people per day for fewer than 60 days per year.
- **Two Single-Family residential Water Supply** is one well serving two residences and is considered a 2 Single-Family Residential water supply. Three or more connections are regulated by Article III of the Thurston County Sanitary Code as a Group B public water system.
- **Non-Public Water Supply** is classified as a one or two single-family water supply with one or two single family residential connections, or a well used for irrigation purposes only.

How Do I Apply?

Submit a completed application package to the Permit Assistance Center with the applicable application fee. Complete application package requirements are outlined on the application form.

Review Process

Environmental Health staff will review the well site application and issue approval if all requirements are met. Once the well site has received approval you may contact a licensed well driller to have the well drilled and tested for capacity and water quality. If the well is to serve as the source for a Group A or Group B public water system, the well site must receive approval from Thurston County prior to constructing (drilling) the well.

Fees

There is a fee for processing the Well Site Application. Check the current fee schedule at the Permit Assistance Center or on our website (see below). If the well site review is part of another project application that also requires a site visit, the application fee may be waived by Thurston County Environmental Health.

Appeals

Any person aggrieved by a decision, an inspection, or notice made by the Health Officer shall have the right to appeal the matter as specified in Article 1 of the Thurston County Sanitary Code.

I Still Have Questions...

The information provided in this bulletin is meant as an overview. For more details, talk to a staff member at the Thurston County Environmental Health Division (contact information below).

Additional Information

For additional guidance and fact sheets visit our web site at <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehadm>

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