Public Well Guide



Submittal package must include the following:

- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Public Well Application.
- Clearly mark the well site location with a flag or stake.
- Map showing clear directions to the site.
- Two copies of the site plan showing:
 - Dimensions of the parcel where the well is located.
 - All proposed and existing wells on the parcel and within 100 feet of the parcel boundary.
 - Circle centered on the well showing a 100-foot non-pollution well radius.
 - Septic tanks and drainfields on site, and location of neighboring septic systems if the 100-foot well radius extends onto adjacent parcels.
 - Measurements from the well to building structures, septic systems and property lines on the parcel.
 - Other features, including surface water, springs, pastures, sewer lines, easements and kennels.
 - o Areas containing stock animals (i.e., fenced areas for horses, cows or other animals).
 - Map showing location of proposed parcels and buildings connected to the water system.
- Critical Area Checklist from Pierce County Planning and Land Services (PALS) or https://palsonline.co.pierce.wa.us/palsonline/#/AboutMyProperty

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department recommends you review your critical area checklist for the following Indicators: wetland, flood zone and landslide erosion. Addressing these issues in conjunction with the application process can save valuable time. For wetland issues please contact the Biologist-of-the-day at (253) 798-7005. Other indicators can be addressed by contacting Pierce County Development Engineering at (253) 798-3749.

- Copy of the recorded formal or short plat.
- A "Restrictive Covenant" from the neighboring property owner is required if the 100-foot protective radius overlaps any part of an adjacent property.
- Preliminary agreement with a Satellite Management Agency (SMA). Final agreement required before water system approval.

Water Right requirement

- All proposed Group A wells and Group B wells with more than 6 connections must obtain a water right from Department of Ecology.
- New Group B wells less than 6 connections must comply with Pierce County PALS Policy DW2016-02 requirement for a hydrogeologic study.
 - This application will be placed on hold until you satisfy Pierce County PALS requirements.
 - Contact Cory Ragan, (253) 798-2590 or Michael Jimenez, (253) 798-7181 at Pierce County PALS for further information.

Additional requirements

- All wells proposed as a drinking water supply must meet siting requirements (WAC 246-290 and EH Code Chapter 3.
- All wells proposed as a drinking water supply must meet construction requirements (WAC 173-160 and EH Code Chapter 3.
- Once siting and construction has been met, a Group B Design Report must be submitted for review and approval to the Health Department.

Please call us at (253) 798-6470 (option 2) or email EHDrinkingWater@tpchd.org with any questions.

Information submitted is subject to Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW.

Public Well Application



	VALIDATION
	Site Inspection & Construction in (Surface Seal or Deepening)
Site Address	
Parcel	Group Type □ A □ B
Well Type □ New □ Existing If existing, is well log attached?	
Total Connections Residential Non-residential	
If non-residential, what is the proposed population?	
Are there locked gates? □ No □ Yes, Gate Code	
Are there dogs on site? ☐ No ☐ Yes, Are they secured	?
Applicant	
Mailing Address	
City State 2	Zip
Phone Alternate Phone	
Applicant Signature	Date
If there is an existing water system, please provide the following information:	
Water System Name	System ID
A resubmittal fee will be charged for incomplete applications. All of the following items are required in order for your application to be processed:	
 □ Critical Area Checklist □ If your Critical Area Checklist indicates "yes" or "other comments", approval is required Flood Zone approval from Pierce County or appropriate municipality Landslide/Erosion approval from Pierce County or appropriate municipality Single Family Wetland Certification from a Certified Wetland Biologist or wetland approval from Pierce County or appropriate municipality □ Two copies of detailed site plan and directions to the site □ Well or well site must be clearly marked and accessible 	
HEALTH DEPARTMENT USE ONLY	
Well Site Inspection Date	Signature
Well Construction Inspection Date	Signature
Comments	
Date Final Approval Signature	
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