

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Record and report your metering data according to the schedule provided in your water budget neutral determination, permit, claim, water right, or provisioned change.

ALL METERING DATA IS DUE TO ECOLOGY BY JANUARY 31 EVERY YEAR.

Report your water use data online by requesting an online reporting account with Ecology. Just enter the following URL into your web browser. If you already have an account, click "LOGIN." If you would like to request a new account, click "REQUEST."

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/measuring/reporting.html>

If you need help understanding your metering requirements, please contact the Department of Ecology (see contact information on back of pamphlet).



Questions?

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Metering Water Use in Kittitas County





Kittitas County records show you purchased water from a private water bank and applied for a building permit.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-539A-070, and the Kittitas County Code Chapter 13.35 require measuring and reporting all groundwater withdrawals:

1. For upper Kittitas County domestic uses (household use and irrigation of not more than 1/2 acre of noncommercial lawn and garden) that began after July 8, 2008
2. For all other uses within upper Kittitas County that began after July 16, 2009, including permit-exempt uses.
3. For all new domestic uses in lower Kittitas County that began after December 2, 2015.

If you own a pre-existing water right certificate, permit, or claim, and you have applied for any changes, your new document will require you to meter as well (see the “Provisions” section of the water right).

BIT OF BACKGROUND

To prevent risks to existing water right holders, Ecology adopted the “Upper Kittitas County Groundwater Rule” (WAC 173-539A) to limit new groundwater withdrawals pending completion of a groundwater study.



The study was completed in 2014 and showed:

- Groundwater and surface water are connected.
- Groundwater is an important component of streamflow.
- Impacts of new water use could negatively affect senior water right holders.

Under the rule, no new appropriation or withdrawal of groundwater may occur, including those exempt from permitting, except:

- a. Uses of groundwater for a structure for which a building permit is granted and the building permit application vested prior to July 16, 2009.
- b. Uses determined to be water budget neutral under WAC 173-539A-050.

Metering your water use will help protect your water right and verify beneficial use.

WHY DO I HAVE TO METER MY WATER USE?

Because it is required by State and County Code*

And it helps Ecology:

- Assess and implement water right compliance to ensure water right holders get the amount of water they are entitled.
- Understand the hydrology of surface and groundwater, which helps protect instream resources.
- Inform water users about how much water is used and when.
- Better manage the state’s water.
- Determine whether water is available for appropriation.

If you have already been reporting your water use, *we thank you!*

Further communication will be made at a future date to non-reporters.

***REFERENCES:**

WAC 173-173
WAC 173-539A
RCW 90.03.360
RCW 90.44.450

Kittitas County Code
13-35.027(7)

