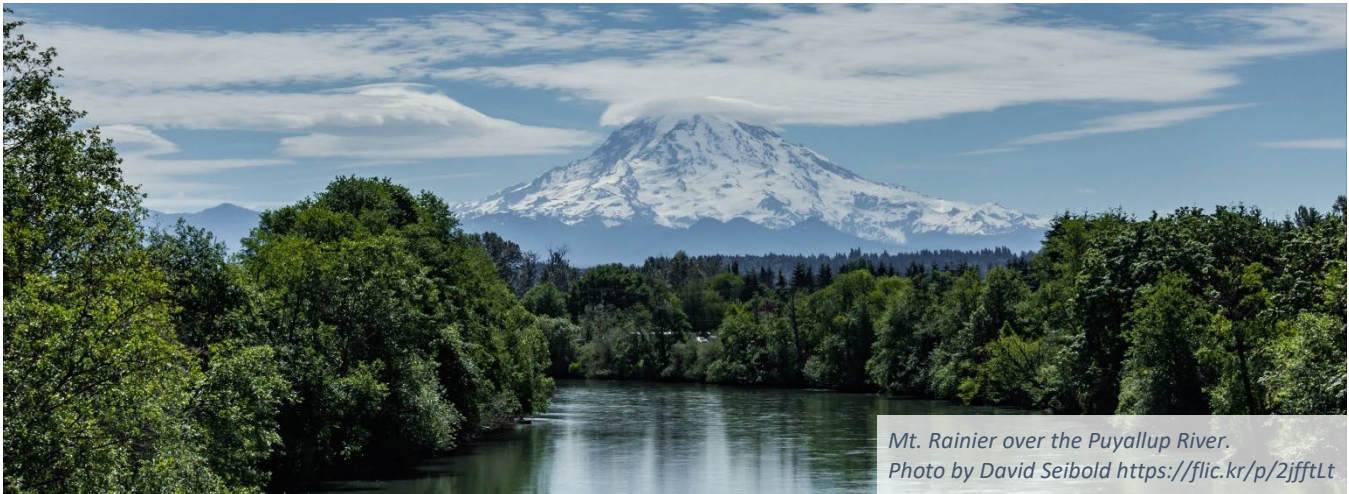


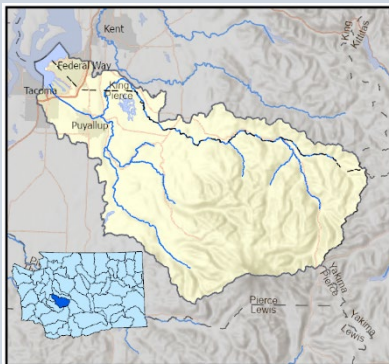
WRIA 10 Puyallup-White Watershed Water Availability



*Mt. Rainier over the Puyallup River.
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What is a watershed?

Washington is divided into 62 major watersheds or Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIAs), which are areas that each capture precipitation and funnel rain and snowmelt through smaller subbasins into streams, tributaries, and rivers and typically drain to marine waters or the Columbia River.

Introduction to WRIA 10

The Puyallup-White Watershed or Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 10 is defined as the area that drains to the Puyallup, White, and Carbon Rivers, which originate on Mount Rainier. It is located in lower Puget Sound in Western Washington, in the northeast portion of Pierce County and the southern edge of King County.

The Puyallup and White rivers' major tributaries are the Carbon, Clearwater, Greenwater, and Mowich rivers. The watershed includes various other tributary streams such as Voight Creek, as well as Lake Tapps.

How can I get water?

Depending on your proposal, you may have more than one option to acquire a reliable water supply:

- Connecting to an existing water system is usually the fastest and easiest option if your project is within the system's service area.
- Using a permit-exempt well if you meet the limits under state law.
- Purchasing an existing water right and transferring it to the new use.
- Applying for a new water right, which may need mitigation.



See *Options for Acquiring Water* section for more information about water right permit options and when to meet with Ecology staff.

If you are building a new home that will rely on a new¹ permit-exempt well:

- Your *combined* indoor and outdoor domestic water use is limited to 950 gpd as a maximum annual average, not to exceed 5,000 gpd on any given day. For example, you could withdraw 3,000 gallons on one summer day, so long as you do not do so enough that your average exceeds 950 gpd in a year.
- Your outdoor personal lawn and garden remain limited to an area no greater than one-half acre. (Note that your outdoor water use for your lawn and garden is included in the 950 gpd annual average limit.)
- If there is a drought emergency declaration for the watershed, your water use can be restricted to 350 gpd for indoor uses only, with the exception of any water needed to maintain a fire control buffer.



If you are building more than one home reliant on a new permit-exempt well: Your group domestic use is also regulated by both RCW 90.44.050 and 90.94.030.

The limit under RCW 90.94.030 is per connection, meaning that for subdivisions, each house is limited to the 950 gpd maximum annual average limit and the 350 gpd indoor use only during a declared drought emergency. However, the entire subdivision is limited to the 5,000 gpd limit established under RCW 90.44.050.

Table 1. Permit-exempt domestic use for an individual home or group use.

Criteria	Well drilled on or after Jan. 19, 2018	Well drilled before Jan. 19, 2018
Water limitation per day	5,000 gpd*	5,000 gpd
Annual average daily use limit each home	950 gpd	-
Total irrigation allowed	½ acre	½ acre
Total group use limits	5,000 gpd* ½ acre of irrigation	5,000 gpd ½ acre of irrigation
Read the fine print	RCW 90.94.020 RCW 90.44.050	RCW 90.44.050

* During a declared drought emergency in the watershed, homes may be limited to 350 gpd indoor use only.

¹ Drilled after January 19, 2018.

Resources

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- [Water Right Pre-Application Consultation form](#)
Form ECY 070-440
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summaryPages/ecy070440.html>
- [Application for a New Water Right](#) Form
ECY 040-114
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summaryPages/ecy040114.html>
- [Application to Change or Transfer a Water Right or Claim](#)
Form ECY 040-197
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summaryPages/ecy040197.html>

Publications

- [Cost Reimbursement Program](#) Publication
05-11-016
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summaryPages/0511016.html>
- [Alternatives for Water Right Application Processing](#)
Publication 11-11-067
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summaryPages/1111067.html>
- [Focus on: The Groundwater Permit Exemption](#)
Publication 19-11-090
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summaryPages/1911090.html>

Website – ecology.wa.gov

- Visit the [water rights permits page](#) for more information and helpful links.
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Map

