

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WHATCOM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

STATE OF WASHINGTON,  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA and  
WRIA 1 WATER USERS,

Defendants.

NO. 24-

COURT CLAIM FOR SMALL USE  
(RESIDENTIAL GROUNDWATER UP  
TO 500 GALLONS PER DAY)

This is the Department of Ecology's Small Use Court Claim Form for people with property in the areas of Whatcom and Skagit county known as Water Resource Inventory Area One (WRIA 1). This form is for property owners using a permit-exempt well under certain conditions.

*You should use this form only if your property's water use meets **all** these requirements:*

- *Withdrawing groundwater from an existing well.*
- *No more than 500 gallons per day (gpd) withdrawn on any day for indoor domestic use such as cooking, bathing, laundry, and pets.*
- *Outdoor watering (lawn, garden, or landscaping) that must not be more than ½ of an acre (21780 square feet).*

This form is typically for single houses and small outdoor uses.

***Important!*** *If your property's water use does not meet all these requirements, use the **Full-Length Court Claim Form** instead of this form. If you have additional water use beyond the conditions outlined above, you may submit this Small Use form and a separate Full Court Claim form for the other uses.*

**1. Who is claiming water?**

*A Claimant is the person or organization claiming the right to use this water. This is usually the owner of the land where the water is used.*

**Claimant 1**

Adjudication ID, if available: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you received this court claim form by mail, this is the 10-digit number on the front of the mailing.*

Is this claimant a person or an organization? [ ] Person [ ] Organization

*If the claimant is an organization, use the full name of the organization here.*

Name of Claimant 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Claimant 2 (if any)**

Is this claimant a person or an organization? [ ] Person [ ] Organization

Name of Claimant 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Claimants:** To add more claimants, attach an additional page with their names and the full information requested above.

**2. History of use**

The property's original residence (house) on a well here was first built  
in (year): \_\_\_\_\_

*If you do not have personal knowledge, refer to county assessor records for year built:*

Whatcom: <https://property.whatcomcounty.us/propertyaccess/>

Skagit: <https://skagitcounty.net/search/property/>

**3. What is the water used for?**

Is this water used for indoor domestic purposes?

*“Domestic” means water for people such as drinking, bathing, cooking, laundry, washing windows and cars, and pet care.*

Yes

No. If no, use **Full-Length Court Claim form**.

Is this for a single home?

*A single home can include legal accessory dwelling units (ADUs). For additional homes, submit separate **Small Use Court Claim** forms for each home. For group domestic uses, use the **Full-Length Court Form**.*

Yes

No. If no, use **Full Length Court Claim form**

**4. Quantity of Water Use**

Is the daily maximum indoor domestic water use less than 500 gallons per day at the highest time of use? *This is a one day maximum, not an annual average.*

Yes

No. If no, use **Full-Length Court Claim form**.

How did you determine how much water you use here?

I have a meter

I estimated

Do you use your water for outdoor watering?

- Yes
- No. If no, *skip to Section 4 below.*

If this water is used for outdoor watering, is it ½ of an acre (21780 square feet) or less for all outdoor lawn, garden, and landscaping?

- Yes
- No. If no, *use **Full-Length Court Claim form.***

**5. Where is the Well?**

How is water withdrawn from the ground? *Most groundwater is withdrawn using wells.*

- Well
- Other underground collection works

*Use this link to see if a driller's well report is on file with Ecology:*  
<https://ecology.wa.gov/well-tag-number-lookup>

If you know, how deep is your well (feet)? \_\_\_\_\_  
*If you have a well report, use the well depth listed there.*

If available, what is your well tag number? \_\_\_\_\_  
*A well tag number is not needed to file a court claim.*

Parcel number of property with well: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address of property with well: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) of well, if available:  
*Please enter in decimal degrees format (e.g. 48.783487, -122.588267).*  
Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_  
Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Where is water used?**

*This is the location of the home and property where the water from this well is used.*

- [ ] Same parcel as well listed above in Section 5. *If the location of the home and the well is the same, you may skip the prompts below and move to Section 7.*
- [ ] Different location than well listed in Section 5. Please complete Section 6a below.

**6a. Place of Use**

Well water is used at the following location-

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel number (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

If available, please provide the written legal description in the space below. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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**7. Remarks or Explanations**

Use this space to list additional wells or other information about this water use.

**8. Signatures**

Based on the answers you provided above, please sign the prompts below.

**Claimant 1 fills out below:**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (including any attachments) are true.

I have attached (#): \_\_\_\_\_ pages.

Signed at (*city and state*): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Claimant 1 signs here*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Title*

**Claimant 2 (if any) fills out below:**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (including any attachments) are true.

Signed at (*city and state*): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Claimant 2 signs here*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Title*

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