

DETERMINING ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY FOR A LEWIS COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT

Implementing ESSB 6091 in response to Hirst (RCW 19.27.097 & RCW 90.94.020)

Step 1 – What is the Water Source?



Municipal / Public Water System

Requirements: Water Availability Form (Assumes sufficient water rights/connections are available).

Fee: No fee required for water systems serving 15+ connections or with established water rights.

Covenant: No Covenant



Permit-Exempt Well

(Pre-Law: Constructed **BEFORE** January 19, 2018)

Requirements: Copy of Well Report or Flow Test.

Fee: No Fee

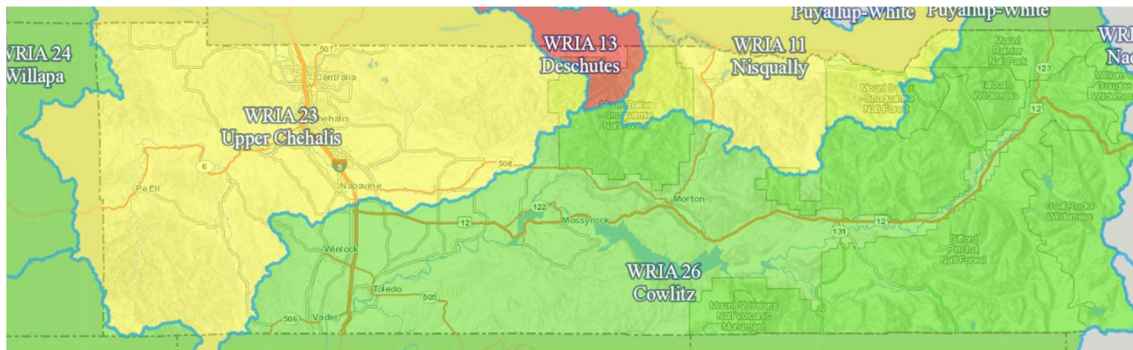
Covenant: No Covenant

Permit-Exempt Well

(Post-Law: individual wells, shared wells, and permit exempt public water system sources constructed **ON OR AFTER** January 19, 2018)

See Step 2

Step 2 – What Watershed (WRIA) is the Site Located In?



Cowlitz (Green on Map)

Requirements: Well Report, Flow Test, or WAN required.

Fee: No Fee

Covenant: No Covenant

Chehalis / Nisqually / Deschutes (Yellow or Red on Map)

Requirements: Well Report, Flow Test, or WAN required.

Fee: \$500 Fee required **per building permit submittal**.

Applies to ANY building permit application for a dwelling requiring potable water.

Covenant: Required



Notice on Title / Covenant:

- Requires a restrictive covenant or notice on title related to water use.
- Documents compliance with WRIA limits and specific withdrawal.
- Tied to the permit-exempt status and will be recorded with Lewis County.

Permit-Exempt Domestic Usage Limitations:

- **Cowlitz:** 5,000 gallons per day (gpd) combined withdrawal.
- **Chehalis / Nisqually:** Max annual average withdrawal of 3,000 gpd per dwelling and 5,000 gpd limit combined.
- **Deschutes:** Max annual average withdrawal of 950 gpd per dwelling and 5,000 gpd limit combined.