

Water Status Report Requirements for properties served by 1 or 2 party private wells

Effective March 4, 2019, all properties served by a private 1- or 2-party water supply are required to have a *Water Status Report* prepared by the Health District prior to sale. In the past, these reports have been optional, but are now required.

When do I request this report?

Applications should be submitted 30 days prior to property transfer to allow for any identified issues to be addressed prior to closing.

Do I need to collect water samples?

For private 1- or 2-party water supplies, the Health District can collect water samples, but is also willing to report on water sample results collected by a qualified individual (licensed well driller, pump installer, WA DOH certified water distribution manager, or another qualified licensed/certified individual such as a professional engineer, registered sanitarian, realtor, or licensed wastewater designer. The qualified individual must be a third party to the application being reviewed by the Health District and must be familiar with testing procedures, including required chlorine residual tests prior to sampling).

What kind of report will I receive?

A *Water Status Report* provides information from a review of the Health District records, a site inspection, and water sampling results. The report will address the well condition, water quantity, well site conditions, and any applicable drinking water requirements or concerns.

What if there are outstanding drinking water compliance issues? Will the Health District prevent the sale of the property?

No --- the Health District does not have any intent or right to prevent the sale of property. The *Water Status Report* will inform both the buyer and the seller of the necessary items to receive full water approval. Any drinking water compliance issues will be required to be addressed in the future if a building permit or land use application is submitted for review by the Health District.

How long will it take to receive the inspection and water status report?

The Health District will issue its *Water Status Report* to the applicant **within 7 business days** of receiving a completed application, regardless of any violations or issues of noncompliance.

How long is the report good for?

Water status reports required under this section are valid for the one year from the date of the last evaluation report issued, regardless of how often the property is conveyed during such period.

How do I submit a "Water Status Report" application?

The application form can be obtained at the Health District office, or via the Health District's website. Please see the Health District's current fee schedule for the price of both public and private *Water Status Report* applications. If a *Private Water Status Report* application is submitted concurrently with an onsite sewage PCI, there will be a combined fee reduction.



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