

Application for Limited Water Use License

License No.: _____

Applicant Information

NAME			PHONE (HM)
PHONE (WK)	CELL		FAX
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL *

Agent Information

NAME			PHONE	FAX
ADDRESS				CELL
CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL *	

I (We) make application for a Limited License to use the following described surface waters or groundwater – not otherwise exempt, or to use stored water for a use of a short-term or fixed-duration:

- SOURCE(S) OF WATER:** _____ a tributary of _____
- AMOUNT OF WATER** to be diverted;
Maximum and instantaneous rate (cubic feet or gallons per minute): _____
Total volume annually (gallons or acre-feet): _____. If water is to be used from more than one source, give the quantity from each: _____
- INTENDED USE(S) OF WATER:** (check all that apply)
 - ☐ Road construction or maintenance
 - ☐ General construction
 - ☐ Forestland and rangeland management; or
 - ☐ Other: _____
- IF THE INTENDED USE OF WATER IS FOR IRRIGATION, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MUST APPLY:** (check one of the following)
 - ☐ Irrigation if the sole purpose of the use is to provide water necessary **to establish a crop** for which no further irrigation will be required after the crop is established. ORS 537.143 (6)(a).
 - ☐ Irrigation if the use of water under the limited license is for the **use of stored water** consistent with the purposes for which the stored water is authorized and the use of water is authorized by a contract between the user and a local, state or federal government. ORS 537.143 (9).
- DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:** Include a description of the place of use as shown on the accompanying site map, the method of water diversion, the type of equipment to be used (including pump horsepower, if applicable), length and dimensions of supply ditches and pipelines:
- PROJECT SCHEDULE:** (List day, month, and year)
 - Date water use will begin: _____
 - Date water use will be completed: _____
 - Months of the year water would be diverted and used: _____

If for other than irrigation from stored water, how and where will water be discharged after use:

Applicant Signature

Print Name and title if applicable

Date

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

NOTE: A Water Availability Statement Form completed by the local watermaster, Land Use Information Form completed by the local Planning Department, fees and site map meeting the requirements of OAR 690-305-0010 must accompany this request. The fee for this request is **\$280** for the first point of diversion plus **\$30** for each additional point of diversion. Please review the Department's fee schedule to view fees required to request a limited license for Aquifer Storage and Recovery testing purposes or for Artificial Groundwater Recharge testing purposes.

Failure to provide any of the required information will result in return of your application. The license, if granted, will not be issued or replaced by a new license for a period of more than five consecutive years. The license, if granted, will be subordinate to all other authorized uses that rely upon the same source, or water affected by the source, and may be revoked at any time it is determined the use causes injury to any other water right or minimum perennial streamflow.

If water source is well, well logs or adequate information for the Department to determine aquifer, well depth, well seal and open interval, etc. are required. The licensee shall indicate the intended aquifer. If for multiple wells, each map location shall be clearly tied to a well log.

If a limited license is approved, the licensee shall give notice to the Department (Watermaster) at least 15 days in advance of using the water under the Limited License and shall maintain a record of use. The record of use shall include, but need not be limited to, an estimate of the amount of water used, the period of use and the categories of beneficial use to which the water is applied. During the period of the Limited License, the record of use shall be available for review by the Department upon request.

Mapping Requirements:

690-305-0010

General Map Criteria

Each map submitted to the Department shall meet the following general criteria in addition to any specific criteria identified in the rules for the relevant water right transaction:

(1) Drawing

(a) The map shall be drafted on paper or polyester film with ink or otherwise printed in an indelible form with sufficient clarity so as to be easily reproduced or scanned. Maps may be submitted electronically in portable document format (pdf) and must be prepared consistent with, and include the same information as, a paper map.

(b) The preferred paper size is 8.5 inches by 11 inches and should be no larger than 30 inches by 30 inches. A map greater than 30 inches by 30 inches may be submitted if the Department grants, by mail or electronic means, advance approval of the larger size.

(c) Beginning April 1, 2029, regardless of whether the map is submitted electronically, on paper, or on polyester film, for any map that OAR chapter 690 requires be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner, a digital file containing the coordinate system and geospatial features of the map as specified by the Department shall be

submitted in addition to the map, unless the Department provides a waiver. The digital file shall be submitted as a shapefile or other approved format in a manner required by the Department.

(d) A platted and recorded subdivision map, deed description survey map, or county assessor map may be submitted as the application map if all of the required information included in sections (2) and (3) of this rule is clearly shown.

(e) An aerial image may be provided in addition to the map to aid the Department in understanding the proposal.

(f) The map submitted under subsection (a) shall be the official record of the water right. An aerial image or digital file shall not be the official record of the water right.

(2) Scale

(a) The map shall be drawn to a standard, even-numbered scale and one-inch shall not exceed 1320 feet.

(b) The map scale may exceed 1320 feet per inch if the Department grants, by mail or electronic means, advance approval of the requested scale.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and (b), for maps identifying the location of a municipal use place of use, one-inch can exceed 1320 feet; provided that the scale is sufficient to identify the quarter-quarters involved in the place of use.

(3) Features: Features shall be clearly identified and labeled. Unless otherwise indicated in rule, the following features must be included in each map submitted to the Department:

(a) Mapping scale.

(b) North directional symbol.

(c) Legend.

(d) General location of main canals, ditches, flumes, pipelines, pumps, or other water delivery features used to transport water from the point(s) of diversion or appropriation to the place use and to include the delivery features at the place of use.

(e) Other topographical features such as rivers, creeks, streams, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, roads, or railroads that may be helpful to clarify and identify the location of points of diversion, wells, dams, and places of use.

(f) Location and flow direction of the water way if the source is surface water. If multiple water ways exist in the area of the proposed diversion and use, the map must identify the location and flow direction of the additional water ways.

(g) Township, range, section, quarter-quarter, and tax lot(s), donation land claims, or government lots where water will be or has been diverted, conveyed, and used. If the map is for municipal use the map:

(A) Must identify but does not need to label the quarter-quarters,

(B) Does not need to identify or label tax lots, donation land claims, or government lots.

(h) Location of each proposed or developed diversion point, well (point of appropriation), or dam by reference to a recognized public land survey corner. For a reservoir without a dam, the center of the reservoir shall be referenced to a recognized public land survey corner.

(A) The locations shall be shown by distance and bearing, or by coordinates (distance north or south and distance east or west from the corner). In addition, they shall also include latitude and longitude as established by a global positioning system.

(B) Latitude and longitude coordinates shall be expressed as degrees-decimal with five or more digits after the decimal (e.g., 42.53764°). The datum used to establish the coordinates shall be indicated on the map. Examples of datums include NAD 83, NAD 27 and WGS84.

(i) Location of the proposed or developed place of use by township, range, section, and nearest quarter-quarter section.

(A) For irrigation or nursery use, the map shall additionally indicate the place of use in each quarter-quarter of a section by shading or hatchuring and indicate the number of acres in each quarter-quarter section, donation land claim, government lot, or other recognized public land survey lines.

(B) For places of use that are limited to a point, such as a stock watering tank, the location may also be identified by distance and bearing, or by coordinates (distance north or south and distance east or west from the corner). In addition, they shall include latitude and longitude as established by a global positioning system.

(C) Latitude and longitude coordinates shall be expressed as degrees-decimal with five or more digits after the decimal (e.g., 42.53764°). The datum used to establish the coordinates shall be indicated on the map. Examples of datums include NAD 83, NAD 27 and WGS84.

(D) Where more than one point of diversion or well is included, the map must clearly identify the place(s) of use served by each point of diversion or well.

(j) If for a supplemental irrigation application or claim of beneficial use, the location and water right reference number of the underlying primary right, registration or claim.

(k) Any other information the Department requests and considers necessary to evaluate the water right transaction.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 536.027 & ORS 537.409

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 537.140, ORS 537.144, ORS 537.211(4), ORS 537.225, ORS 537.230, ORS 537.252, ORS 537.400, ORS 537.610, ORS 537.615, ORS 537.780, ORS 540.520, ORS 540.523, ORS 540.524, ORS 540.531, ORS 540.532, ORS 540.533, ORS 540.585, ORS 537 & ORS 540

History:

WRD 3-2026, adopt filed 03/20/2026, effective 04/01/2026

This page to be completed by the local Watermaster.

WATER AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

Name of Applicant: _____ Limited License Number: _____

1. To your knowledge, has the stream or basin that is the source for this application ever been regulated for prior rights?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

2. Based on your observations, would there be water available in the quantity and at the times needed to supply the use proposed by this application?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Do you observe this stream system during regular fieldwork?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what are your observations for the stream?

4. If the source is a well and if WRD were to determine that there is the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface water sources, would there still be ground water and surface water available during the time requested and in the amount requested without injury to existing water rights?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

What would you recommend for conditions on a limited license that may be issued approving this application?

5. Any other recommendations you would like to make?

Signature _____ WM District #: _____ Date: _____

Land Use Information Form



Oregon Water Resources Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, Oregon 97301-1266
(503) 986-0900
www.oregon.gov/OWRD

NOTE TO APPLICANTS

In order for your application to be processed by the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), this Land Use Information Form must be completed by a local government planning official in the jurisdiction(s) where your water right will be diverted, conveyed, used, and developed. The planning official may choose to complete the form while you wait or return the “Receipt Acknowledging Request for Land Use Information” to you. Applications received by OWRD without the Land Use Information Form, or the signed receipt, will be returned to you. **IMPORTANT:** Please note that while OWRD can accept a signed receipt as part of intake for an application for a new permit to use or store water, a completed Land Use Information Form is required for OWRD’s acceptance of all other applications. Please be aware that your application cannot be approved without land use approval.

This form is NOT required if:

- 1) Water is to be diverted, conveyed, and used on federal lands only; **OR**
- 2) The application is for a water right transfer, allocation of conserved water, exchange, permit amendment, or ground water registration modification, and all of the following apply:
 - a. The existing and proposed water use is located entirely within lands zoned for exclusive farm-use or within an irrigation district;
 - b. The application involves a change in place of use only;
 - c. The change does not involve the placement or modification of structures, including but not limited to water diversion, impoundment, distribution facilities, water wells and well houses; **and**
 - d. The application involves irrigation water uses only.

NOTE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The person presenting the attached Land Use Information Form is applying for a new water right or modifying an existing water right. The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) requires applicants to obtain land use information to ensure the water right does not result in land uses that are incompatible with your comprehensive plan. Please complete the form and return it to the applicant for inclusion in their application. **NOTE:** For new water right applications only, if you are unable to complete this form while the applicant waits, you may complete the “Receipt Acknowledging Request for Land Use Information” and return it to the applicant.

You will receive notice via OWRD’s weekly Public Notice once the applicant formally submits their request to OWRD. The notice will give more information about OWRD’s water right process and provide additional comment opportunities. If you previously only completed the receipt for an application for a new permit to use or store water, you will have 30 days from the Public Notice date to complete the Land Use Information Form and return it to OWRD. Your attention to this request for information is greatly appreciated. If you have questions concerning this form, please contact OWRD’s Customer Service Group at 503-986-0900 or WRD_DL_customerservice@water.oregon.gov.

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Land Use Information Form



Oregon Water Resources Department
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Salem, Oregon 97301-1266
(503) 986-0900
www.oregon.gov/OWRD

NAME				PHONE	
MAILING ADDRESS					
CITY	STATE	ZIP	EMAIL		

A. Land and Location

Please include the following information for all tax lots where water will be diverted (taken from its source), conveyed (transported), and/or used or developed. Applicants for municipal use, or irrigation uses within irrigation districts, may substitute existing and proposed service-area boundaries for the tax-lot information requested below.

Township	Range	Section	¼ ¼	Tax Lot #	Plan Designation (e.g., Rural Residential/RR-5)	Water to be:	Proposed Land Use:
						☐ Diverted ☐ Conveyed ☐ Used	
						☐ Diverted ☐ Conveyed ☐ Used	
						☐ Diverted ☐ Conveyed ☐ Used	
						☐ Diverted ☐ Conveyed ☐ Used	

List all counties and cities where water is proposed to be diverted, conveyed, and/or used or developed:

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NOTE: A separate Land Use Information Form must be completed and submitted for each county and city, as applicable.

B. Description of Proposed Use

Type of application to be filed with the Oregon Water Resources Department:

- ☐ Permit to Use or Store Water
 ☐ Water Right Transfer
 ☐ Permit Amendment or Ground Water Registration Modification
☐ Limited Water Use License
 ☐ Exchange of Water
 ☐ Allocation of Conserved Water

Source of water: ☐ Reservoir/Pond ☐ Ground Water ☐ Surface Water (name) _____

Estimated quantity of water needed: _____ ☐ cubic feet per second ☐ gallons per minute ☐ acre-feet

Intended use of water:
 ☐ Irrigation ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Domestic for _____ household(s)
☐ Municipal ☐ Quasi-Municipal ☐ Instream ☐ Other _____

Briefly describe:

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Note to applicant: For new water right applications only, if the Land Use Information Form cannot be completed while you wait, please have a local government representative sign the receipt on the bottom of page 4 and include it with the application filed with the Oregon Water Resources Department.

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For Local Government Use Only

The following section must be completed by a planning official from each county and city listed unless the project will be located entirely within the city limits. In that case, only the city planning agency must complete this form. This deals only with the local land use plan. Do not include approval for activities such as building or grading permits.

Please check the appropriate box below and provide the requested information

- ☐ Land uses to be served by the proposed water use(s), including proposed construction, are allowed outright or are not regulated by your comprehensive plan. Cite applicable ordinance section(s): _____
- ☐ Land uses to be served by the proposed water use(s), including proposed construction, involve discretionary land-use approvals as listed in the table below. (Please attach documentation of applicable land-use approvals which have already been obtained. Record of Action/land-use decision and accompanying findings are sufficient.) **If approvals have been obtained but all appeal periods have not ended, check "Being Pursued."**

Type of Land-Use Approval Needed (e.g., plan amendments, rezones, conditional-use permits, etc.)	Cite Most Significant, Applicable Plan Policies & Ordinance Section References	Land-Use Approval:	
		☐ Obtained ☐ Denied	☐ Being Pursued ☐ Not Being Pursued
		☐ Obtained ☐ Denied	☐ Being Pursued ☐ Not Being Pursued
		☐ Obtained ☐ Denied	☐ Being Pursued ☐ Not Being Pursued
		☐ Obtained ☐ Denied	☐ Being Pursued ☐ Not Being Pursued

Local governments are invited to express special land use concerns or make recommendations to the Oregon Water Resources Department regarding this proposed use of water in the box below or on a separate sheet.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Governmental Entity: _____ Phone: _____

Receipt Acknowledging Request for Land Use Information

Note to Local Government Representative:

Please complete this form and return it to the applicant. **For new water right applications only**, if you are unable to complete this form while the applicant waits, you may complete this receipt and return it to the applicant. If you sign the receipt, you will have 30 days from the date of OWRD's Public Notice of the application to submit the completed Land Use Information Form to Oregon Water Resources Department. Please note while OWRD can accept a signed receipt as part of intake for an application for a new permit to use or store water, a completed Land Use Information Form is required for all other applications.

Applicant Name: _____

Staff Name: _____ Title: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

Governmental Entity: _____ Phone: _____