

Other Permits That May Be Necessary

1. WATER USE PERMIT (WATER RIGHTS)

The Montana Water Law requires new water developments (after July 1, 1973) to be filed with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to receive a water right. For groundwater developments, wells and developed springs, the amount of water to be used will determine which form to file with the department.

Form 602 – Notice of Completion of Groundwater Development: this form is to be filed when the groundwater development is a well, developed spring or a groundwater pit. The amount of water to be used cannot exceed 35 gallons per minute or 10 acre-feet per year. The form is to be filed within 60 days after the well or spring development is completed and the water has been put to the intended beneficial use. Do not file until the well is hooked up and being used.

Form 600 – Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit: When the groundwater development is a well, developed spring or groundwater pit and the intended use will be over 35 gallons per minute and 10 acre-feet per year, a water use permit must be issued before water can be appropriated. A correct and complete application with the criteria supplement and filing fee must be filed with the Department.

Forms are available at the Water Resources Regional Office at the following addresses:

Helena: Water Resources Regional Office, 1424 9th Ave., PO Box 201601, Helena, MT 59620-1601, (406)444-6999, or the regional office in your area.

Billings: Water Resources Regional Office, Airport Industrial Park, 1371 Rintop Dr., Billings, MT 59105-1978, (406) 247-4415

Bozeman: Water Resources Regional Office, 151 Evergreen Dr., Suite C, Bozeman, MT, 59715 (406) 586-3136

Glasgow: Water Resources Regional Office, 222 6th St. South, Glasgow, MT 59230, (406) 228-2561

Havre: Water Resources Regional Office, 210 6th Ave., Havre, MT 59501, (406)265-5516

Kalispell: Water Resources Regional Office, 109 Cooperative Way, Suite 110, Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 752-2288

Lewistown: Water Resources Regional Office, 613 NE Main St., Suite E, Lewistown, MT 59457 (406) 538-7459

Missoula: Water Resources Regional Office, town & Country Shopping Center, 1610 S. Third St. West, Suite 103, Missoula, MT 59806, (406) 721-4284

2. For a complete listing of environmental permits required by the state, please reference the Montana Index of Environmental Permits from the Environmental Quality Council at (406) 444-3742 or visit the EQC Web site: http://www.leg.state.mt.us/css/publications/lepo/permit_index/permit_tofc.asp In addition, there may be other permits required by the federal government or local government agencies.

- _____ Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Quality web site (deq.state.mt.us/wqinfo)
- _____ MPDES Wastewater Discharge – All discharges to surface water, including those related to construction dewatering. Contact DEQ, Water Protection Bureau (406) 444-3080
- _____ Storm Water discharge – Construction activity greater than 1 acre disturbance. Contact DEQ, Water Protection Bureau 444-3080.
- _____ MGWPCS Discharge – All construction and/or operation of wastewater impoundments or conveyances which may cause pollution of groundwater. Also, includes land application of wastewater on a case-by-case basis. Contact DEQ, Water Protection Bureau (406) 444-3080.
- _____ 318 Authorization – Any activity in any state water that will cause unavoidable short-term violations of water quality standards. Contact DEQ, Water Protection Bureau (406) 444-3080.
- _____ 310 Permit/SPA (124) – Any activity that physically alters or modifies the bed or banks of a stream. Contact the local Conservation District.
- _____ 404 Permit – Any activity resulting in the discharge or placement of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S., including wetlands. Contact U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at (406) 441-1375
- _____ Montana Land-Use License or Navigable Waters Easement – The construction, placement, or modification of a structure or improvement on land below the low water mark or navigable streams. Contact DNRC (406) 444-2074
- _____ Water Right Permit – Required before constructing new or additional diversion, withdrawal, impoundment, or distribution works for appropriation of ground water or surface water. Contact DNRC (406) 444-6614.

- _____ Lakeshore Protection Act – any project in or near a body of water within a county’s jurisdictional area. Contact County Government Offices.

- _____ Public Water Supply – New construction, alteration, extension or operation of a public water supply or non-State Revolving Fund (SRF) public sewage systems requires approval from the Department of Environmental Quality. Contact DEQ, Public Water and Subdivisions Bureau. (406) 444-4400

- _____ UST Permits – Activities involving any type of work related to underground storage tanks (petroleum and hazardous substances). Contact DEQ, Technical Services Bureau (406) 444-1420

- _____ RW-20 Permit – A permit is required when work is to be done within a Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) right of way. Contact the local MDT District Office.

- _____ Floodplain Development Permit – Anyone planning new construction within a designated 100-year floodplain. Contact DNRC, Water Operation Bureau, Floodplain Management, (406) 444-0860 or local Floodplain Administrator.