



Klamath County/Oregon Watermaster Water Tank Usage Criteria and Approval

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

If your domestic well has gone dry due to on-going drought conditions, you may be eligible for assistance. The Household Water Tank Program may provide homeowners with a 500-gallon water tank per household with 2 adult members. Households with 3 to 5 members may receive an additional 500-gallon water tank and those households with 6 or more members may qualify for an additional 500-gallon water tank. Any ground preparation necessary for tank placement, and, any required installation, connection materials or system purification is the responsibility of the homeowner. Initial delivery of water sufficient to fill the water tanks provided under this program will be provided free of charge to the homeowner. Following installation, the County, through a contractor will deliver sufficient water to fill the tank(s) of water approximately weekly. If the homeowner believes the weekly schedule of water delivery is insufficient, they should contact the Commissioner's office.

The homeowner assumes responsibility to connect the tank to his/her water system and any damages resulting from the installation are the homeowner's responsibility.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

The following residential property owners and/or individuals may be eligible if their residential well is no longer providing water or the well recharge time is creating difficulties due to the drought, and:

- Residential property is occupied by the legal owner as their primary residence.
- Residential property is occupied by the legal owner as their primary residence with additional residential family unit(s) on that same property, to be served by the same water tank.
- Residential property is occupied by the legal owner as their primary residence with additional rental unit(s) on that same property, to be served by the same water tank.
- Residential property is occupied by a family member of the legal owner.
- Residential property is occupied by a family member of the legal owner with additional residential family unit(s) or rental unit(s) on the property, to be served by the same water tank.
- The legal owner must have contacted the Klamath Watermaster's office and registered a drywell or slow well recharge complaint during the Governor Declared Drought 2021.



- Residential property occupied by a renter/tenant with the legal property owner who has provided a water tank for their rental, the current tenant would be eligible for water delivery and filling services.

PROGRAM CRITERIA:

This program has been developed by the County and funding to support this program is being provided by the County, State and Federal agencies. Every effort is being made to assist homeowners with immediate assistance to provide at least some measure of relief to domestic well users experiencing issues due to drought. Because these are government funds, criteria to assure the beneficial use of provided equipment and water are:

1. Any water provided free of charge to the consumer will be limited to use within the footprint of the home or for livestock watering.
2. Any water provided free of charge to the consumer shall not be used externally to the footprint of the home except for livestock needs. Prohibited uses include but are not limited to:
 - a. Car washing
 - b. Lawn and or garden watering
 - c. Dust abatement
3. Any water provided free of charge to the consumer shall not be sold or provided free of charge to nonresidents of the authorized home.
4. Participants agree to provide access to the well associated with this program to staff from the Watermaster's office for well inspections. A 24-hour notice will be provided.

Next Steps: If you believe you are eligible for assistance under the Household Water Tank Program and would like to apply:

You must first report your well problem to the State by submitting a Dry Well Reporting Form to the Oregon Water Resources Watermaster's Office: <https://go.usa.gov/xFbW3>

You may also call the Klamath Watermaster's office and they will assist you with the necessary documentation. Please call the Watermaster's office at 541-883-4182.

A representative from the Oregon Water Resources Department will contact you to schedule an appointment to check your domestic well prior to delivery of the water tank. Any well information you have, such as pump or well contractor maintenance records that you can provide will be beneficial.



The homeowner is responsible for the connection of the tank to his/her existing residential water system. At the time of delivery, if not before, you will be required to review, agree to, and sign the 2021 Water Tank Acknowledgement of Receipt Form:

<http://www.klamathcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/29317/Water-Tank-Acknowledgement-of-Receipt-Form>

Once a water tank system is delivered and operational, the County will make periodic deliveries of water on a schedule to be determined by the County. Typically, the County will deliver sufficient water to fill the water tank(s) on approximately a weekly basis, but both the schedule and the amount of these deliveries are at the sole discretion of the County and may be changed without notice.

If you plan to connect a water tank to your home water system, you may need to obtain a permit and inspection from the Klamath County Community Development Department. Links for the permit applications are below.

Plumbing application <http://www.klamathcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/164/Plumbing-Permit-Application-PDF>

Electrical application <http://www.klamathcounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/180/Electrical-Permit-Application-PDF> an electrical permit may be required if connecting a pump to flow and pressurize existing plumbing system.

RESOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Dry Well Reporting Form to the Oregon Water Resources Watermaster's Office:

<https://go.usa.gov/xFbW3>

Oregon Water Resources District 17 Watermaster: 541-883-4182

Klamath County Board of Commissioners: 541-883-5100 / bocc@klamathcounty.org