

Upcoming Deadline for Groundwater Licensing

Using groundwater for your home?

- **You do not need a water licence if you only use groundwater for domestic use**
- Domestic use includes private household uses (e.g., cooking), fire prevention, private lawn and garden watering (up to 1,000 m² or ¼ acre), and watering household animals/poultry

Benefits of applying before March 1, 2022:

- Secure and protect your water rights from future development
- Recognize your historic water use
- Avoid a \$250+ application fee
- Enhance property value
- Be part of a fair system for managing water during scarcity
- Help strengthen water security in the face of climate change
- Help protect the environment, businesses, and livelihoods that depend on reliable access to water

What happens if I miss the deadline?

- You will be **unauthorized** and **must stop using the water**
- You must apply as a New User
- You will lose recognition of your historical water use
- New Users pay an application fee (min. \$250), may require costly studies, and could be refused a licence in water-stressed areas
- There may be fines for unlicensed water use

IGNORE THIS NOTICE IF:

You do not use groundwater, only use groundwater for domestic use, or have already applied



Free application assistance

Call FrontCounter BC at 1-877-855-3222 or email FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca

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March 1, 2022 is the deadline to apply for a water licence if you started using groundwater from a well or dugout before March 1, 2016 for non-domestic uses like home businesses, irrigation, commercial, waterworks, or industrial use

Did you start using groundwater for non-domestic use before March 1, 2016?

YES: Apply online as an “existing user” before March 1, 2022

NO: Ignore this notice

Start your application and learn more at groundwater.gov.bc.ca



Need help applying?

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