

The following table outlines water regulations in Saskatchewan. Check the left hand column to find your activity or business. The table also includes examples of activities and lists the approvals, permits, or licenses you may need.

If you are	For example	Then you may need	Things to know
	Draining water off a legal parcel of land		All drainage needs approval. No existing drainage is grandfathered.
Draining water	<ul> <li>Draining into a Conservation and         Development Area Authority (C&amp;D)     </li> <li>Deepening, widening or straightening a creek</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Drainage Approval</li><li>Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Qualified Persons are available to help you with the legal and technical work of drainage approvals</li> <li>Please visit wsask.ca/Water-Programs/Agricultural-Drainage/ for more information and fact sheets about drainage.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Infilling, draining or consolidating sloughs or wetlands</li> </ul>	Aquatic Habitat Frotection Fermit	See wsask.ca/Water-Programs/Aquatic-Habitat-Protection/ for information about Aquatic Habitat Protection.
Developing near water	<ul> <li>Constructing a bridge or culvert across water</li> <li>Building a boat launch or marina</li> <li>Changing the bank of a lake, river, or creek</li> <li>Adding material to the bank, including rock, sand, or gravel</li> <li>Removing vegetation in, or near, water</li> <li>Channel clearing</li> </ul>	Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit	<ul> <li>For more information: wsask.ca/Water-Programs/Aquatic-Habitat-Protection.</li> <li>See our Shoreline Stabilization Fact Sheet and Beach Creation and Maintenance Fact Sheet at wsask.ca/Water-Programs/Aquatic-Habitat-Protection.</li> <li>Our Beaver Dam Removal and Private Temporary or Seasonal Docks and Boat Lifts Fact Sheet explains when you don't need these licenses and/or approvals.</li> </ul>
	Building a permanent water intake	<ul> <li>Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit</li> <li>Water Rights Licence</li> <li>Approval to Construct and Operate Surface Water Works</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Our <i>Domestic Water Use Fact Sheet</i> (FS-315) explains when you don't need a Water Rights License Approval.</li> <li>Our <i>Surface Water Approval Process Fact Sheet</i> (FS-312) and Application for Water Rights License and Approval to Construct and Operate Works under the Water Security Agency Act (RG-103) explains the process and regulatory requirements.</li> </ul>
Providing water or wastewater services	<ul> <li>Constructing or operating a water or wastewater treatment plant</li> <li>Constructing or operating a water distribution system or pipeline</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Water Rights Licence</li> <li>Approval to Construct and Operate Surface Water Works or Groundwater Works</li> <li>Permit for Construction of Waterworks or Sewage Works</li> <li>Permit to Operate a Waterworks</li> <li>Permit to Operate a Wastewater Works</li> <li>Permit to Operate a Sewage Works</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Find the following design standards, fact sheets and application forms at saskH2O.ca/foroperators.asp.</li> <li>Application for Water Rights Licence and Approval to Construct and Operate Works under the Wat Security Agency Act (RG-103) explains the process and regulatory requirements.</li> <li>See our Sewage Works Design Standard - EPB 503 for information related to the requirements for constructing sewage works or wastewater works infrastructure.</li> <li>See our Waterworks Design Standard - EPB 501 for information related to the requirements for constructing drinking water infrastructure.</li> </ul>
	Septic hauling	<ul> <li>Permit to Transport and Dispose of Liquid Domestic Sewage</li> </ul>	See our Fact Sheet EPB 349 <i>Liquid Domestic Waste Disposal</i> at saskh20.ca.
Jsing pesticides or chemicals in or near water	<ul> <li>Aquatic vegetation control in lakes, rivers, creeks, or canals</li> <li>Right of way vegetation control</li> <li>Forestry pest control</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Permit to Apply a Pesticide and/or Chemical in or near Surface Water</li> </ul>	See our document EPB 47 <i>A Guide to Aquatic Nuisances and Their Control</i> at saskh20.ca.



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Using, taking, storing, or hauling water	Using water from a lake, river or creek for industry, agriculture, municipalities, multiuser projects, etc.	<ul> <li>Water Rights License</li> <li>Approval to Construct and Operate Surface Water Works</li> <li>Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit if you are constructing a permanent water intake</li> <li>Temporary Water Rights License</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Our <i>Domestic Water Use Fact Sheet</i> (FS-315) explains when you don't need a Water Rights License and/or Approval.</li> <li>Our <i>Surface Water Approval Process Fact Sheet</i> (FS-312) and Application for Water Rights License and Approval to Construct and Operate Works under the <i>Water Security Agency Act</i> (RG-103) explains the process and regulatory requirements.</li> <li>Our <i>Temporary Water Rights License for Industrial Water Use Fact Sheet</i> (FS-316) explains the process for obtaining a license for short term water use. You can apply and purchase at products.wsask.ca.</li> </ul>
	Using water from wells for industry,     agriculture, municipalities, businesses, multiuser projects, etc.	<ul> <li>Ground Water Investigation Permit</li> <li>Water Rights License</li> <li>Approval to Construct and Approval to Operate Ground Water Works</li> <li>Temporary Water Rights License</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Domestic use for your own home or small livestock operation (e.g. under 300 cattle) does not require approval. Our <i>Domestic Water Use Fact Sheet</i> (FS-315) explains when you don't need these licenses and/or approvals.</li> <li>Our <i>Ground Water Approval Process Fact Sheet</i> (FS-313), Ground Water Investigation Permit Application Form (RG-122) and Application for Water Rights Licence and Approval to Construct and Operate Works under the <i>Water Security Agency Act</i> (RG-103) explains the process and regulatory requirements.</li> <li>Our <i>Temporary Water Rights Licence for Industrial Water Use Fact Sheet</i> (FS-316) explains the process for obtaining a licence for short term water use. You can apply and purchase at products.wsask.ca.</li> </ul>
	Digging a dugout	<ul> <li>Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit if the dugout is in a creek bed</li> <li>Approval to Construct and Operate Surface Water Works if a dugout is for non-domestic purposes or has a capacity larger than 5 cubic decameters: e.g. 200 feet long x 100 feet wide x 14 feet deep with 3H:1V end slopes and 1.5H:1V side slopes.</li> <li>A Water Rights License is required for all non-domestic use or where domestic use exceeds five cubic decameters.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Our <i>Domestic Water Use Fact Sheet</i> (FS-315) explains when you don't need a Water Rights License and/or Approval.</li> <li>Our <i>Surface Water Approval Process Fact Sheet</i> (FS-312) and Application for Water Rights Licence</li> </ul>
	Building a dam	<ul> <li>Approval to Construct and Operate Surface Water Works</li> <li>Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>You may wish to hire a qualified consultant for assistance.</li> <li>Our Surface Water Approval Process Fact Sheet (FS-312) and Application for Water Rights Licence and Approval to Construct and Operate Works under the Water Security Agency Act (RG-103) explains the process and regulatory requirements.</li> <li>You may wish to hire a qualified consultant for assistance.</li> </ul>
	Drilling a well	<ul> <li>A Qualified Consultant</li> <li>Ground Water Investigation Permit</li> <li>Approval to Construct and Operate Ground Water Works</li> <li>A company with a Registered Drilling Rig to do the work</li> <li>Well information from neighboring wells</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Our Ground Water Approval Process Fact Sheet (FS-313), Ground Water Investigation Permit Application Form (RG-122) and Application for Water Rights Licence and Approval to Construct and Operate Works under the Water Security Agency Act (RG-103) explains the process and regulatory requirements.</li> <li>See a list of Registered at Drillers at wsask.ca/Water-Info/Ground-Water/Registered-Drillers.</li> <li>For information from neighbouring wells, please visit our Water Wells GIS Site: gis.wsask.ca.</li> <li>Continued on next page</li> </ul>



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Taking, storing or hauling water (continued)	Developing or constructing a new RM tank fill	<ul> <li>Water Rights License</li> <li>Approval to Construct and Operate Ground Water Works</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Application for Water Rights Licence and Approval to Construct and Operate Works under the Water Security Agency Act (RG-103) explains the process and regulatory requirements.</li> <li>Please contact the Saskatchewan Health Authority when establishing bulk water tank loading facilities that are providing water to the public.</li> </ul>
	Hauling water to a rig/oilfield	Not applicable	Your customer will need a Temporary Water Rights License for Industrial Water Use (FS-316).
	Hauling water commercially for domestic use	Not applicable	Please contact the Saskatchewan Health Authority when operating a business of hauling water for domestic use.
Developing near one of these seven reservoirs owned by the Water Security Agency:  Avonlea Creek Blackstrap Bradwell Brightwater Dellwood Lake Diefenbaker	<ul> <li>WSA has certain requirements for development near seven of the reservoirs we own.</li> <li>Development includes:</li> <li>Subdivision of land,</li> <li>Sale of Crown land,</li> <li>Constructing a house, shop or cottage, or a public facility like a boat launch or marina.</li> </ul>	[Reservoir] Development Permit	For Reservoir Development Area maps and more information visit: wsask.ca/Permits-and-Approvals/Regulatory-Info/Reservoir-Development-Area.

### WSA administers water regulations and aquatic habitat protection through the following seven programs:

#### **Agricultural Water Management**

This program manages the impacts of agricultural drainage by requiring an approval for all drainage.

# **Aquatic Habitat Protection**

This program preserves and maintains aquatic habitat at the productive level which existed before the proposed development activity.

# **Aquatic Nuisance Control**

We protect the aquatic environment by ensuring only appropriate chemicals and application methods are used to control aquatic nuisances.

### **Drinking Water and Wastewater**

We ensure that any construction and operation of new, expanded, or upgraded drinking water and wastewater facilities meets all provincial regulations. By meeting those regulations, facilities provide consumers with access to safe drinking water and produce wastewater effluent that has minimal impacts to the receiving environment.

# **Liquid Domestic Sewage Transport and Disposal**

We protect human health and the environment by ensuring that anyone who hauls and disposes of liquid domestic sewage does so in a responsible manner.

#### **Reservoir Development Areas**

WSA owns and operates reservoirs that are key water sources for communities, recreation and industries. To maintain safe and efficient reservoir operations we established seven Reservoir Development Areas, ensuring the safe and orderly development of the land surrounding these reservoirs.

# **Water Rights and Approvals**

We ensure the sustainable and environmentally sound development of the province's surface and groundwater resources.

For more information, including the legislation administered by the Water Security Agency, please visit wsask.ca or call 306-694-3900.