

Drinking Water Well FAQ

Who assigns water rights on the Island and who gives permission/licenses well construction?

The Washington State Department of Ecology is the governing authority of water rights and well licensing in the state.

WATER RIGHTS:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/rights/water-right-home.html>

WELLS:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/wells/wellhome.html>

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Where can I find information about how many wells are on the island and/or information about a particular well?

The Department of Ecology maintains a [Well Log Database](#) that is searchable either graphically through the use of a map or by parcel number/site address.

If you need assistance, please contact Arlene Harris (info above).

Who do I talk to about the quality of my drinking water?

If you are a City of Bainbridge Island Water Utility customer, please contact the Department of Public Works Water Utility at 206-780-3584, PWOM@bainbridge.gov

If you are a customer of another public water provider on the Island, please call the information number listed on your billing statement.

For small community or private wells, the [Kitsap Public Health District](#) is the governing authority of drinking water certification, and can give guidance on recommended monitoring. The City hosts kiosk's for two laboratories at the Public Works- Engineering counter with laboratory contact information and supplies, should you want to test your well water.

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