



Kittitas County Water Bank Ecology Approval Required Mitigation

Estimated processing time 6 months – 1 Year

To obtain water mitigation through the Kittitas County Water Bank and obtain Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) approval, follow the steps below:

Step 1: Apply for Kittitas County Water Mitigation: [Kittitas County Water Mitigation Application](#)

At time of application **Package A total cost: \$4,075 Package B total cost: \$4,990** (includes first year of metering)

Package A cost: \$3,895 Includes an annual average of 275 gallons per day (indoor domestic use only)

Package B cost: \$4,810 Includes an annual average of 275 gallons per day (indoor domestic use only) with 25 gallons per day (outdoor use) measured at ~500 square feet of lawn/garden.

First annual metering cost: \$180

If the parcel has access to outdoor irrigation through another source (such as Kittitas Reclamation District), only Package A is available for purchase. If there is not access to irrigation from an outside source only Package B is available (as determined by the irrigation affidavit in the Kittitas County Water Mitigation application).

When the decision is made to apply for water mitigation through the Kittitas County Water Bank, there is an additional application (Water Budget Neutral Determination or Water Right Permit) that will need to go with the paperwork that is sent to Ecology. Submit the mitigation certificate application and Ecology application to Kittitas County Public Works. Once the applications have been reviewed and payment is accepted, the applications will be mailed to Ecology for processing.

Metering is also required. The first year of metering is charged at the time of application (\$180).

According to Kittitas County Code 13.40.010 an applicant must submit an application for a residential building permit within two (2) years of issuance of the mitigation certificate. Commercial uses are not eligible.

Step 2: [Individual Well Site Review Application](#) (after obtaining an approved mitigation certificate) Complete Individual Well Site Review Application & Drill Well.

Prior to drilling a well, apply for an individual well site review. This application is to ensure the well location chosen meets setbacks from property lines (50 ft.) and septic drain field (100 ft.) and surrounding parcels. Kittitas County Public Health staff will also look at surface water bodies on the parcel and drilling criteria based on the findings during the review.

Step 3: Submit an Adequate Water Supply Determination to Kittitas County Public Health (After mitigation is obtained and well is drilled). This application checks quantity, quality and mitigation for the proposed project.

For Individual or Shared Wells: [Individual/Shared Well Adequate Water Supply Determination Application](#)

For Group B Water Systems: [Group B Adequate Water Supply Determination Application](#)

For questions please contact:

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