

# Water Right Application Form

## The Environmental Authority

P.O. Box HM 834, Hamilton HM CX, Bermuda. Phone: 239 2303

<b>OFFICE USE:</b> 89100.8487	Fee (per well / borehole)
Water Right(s) #	<input type="text" value="WR"/>
Fee Paid: Commercial(\$550) <input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic (\$90) <input type="checkbox"/>
No. of WR(s): <input type="text"/>	Total Cost: <input type="text"/>
Validation No. <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>

**PROPERTY:**

OWNERS NAME(S):

COMPANY:

MAILING ADDRESS:      
Number Street (or PO Box Number) Parish Postal Code

Phone (day):  Phone (eve):  Email:

**Complete this section if you are acting on behalf of the owner. (NOTE: section above must be fully completed):**

**AGENT'S:**

NAME:  COMPANY:

MAILING ADDRESS:      
Number Street (or PO Box Number) Parish Postal Code

Phone 1:  Phone 2:  Email:

If you would like a copy of the Water Right Certificate that is mailed to the applicant please tick this box:

**PROPOSED LOCATION OF WATER RIGHT (WELL(S) / BOREHOLE(S)):**

HOUSE/COMPANY/ORGANISATION NAME:

ADDRESS:      
Number Street Parish Postal Code

Assessment Number:  OS Map No/Grid Ref:   
(supplied by office)

**TYPE OF WATER RIGHT APPLIED FOR: (NOTE: Fees apply per well and per borehole not per application)**

Well(s) for Abstraction of Water:  Disposal Borehole(s):   
Number Number

For Disposal Borehole(s) indicate effluent type: Sewage:  RO Reject:  Rain (Tank Overflow):   
 Rain (Car park/Road Run-Off):  Other (Comments):

Please attach additional information where possible: Site Plan:  Manufacturers Information:

**TYPE OF PROPERTY / FACILITY:**

Private House (Less than 6 units):  Housing:   Tourist Lodging:   
No. Units No. Units No. Bedrooms No. Bedrooms

Laundromat:  Restaurant:  Other:   
No. Machines Describe

**FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT TO BE SERVED BY PROPOSED WELL(S) OR BOREHOLE(S):**

Toilets:  Wash Basins:  Showers/Baths:  Washing Machines:   
Number Number Number Number

Outdoor faucets:  Pool:  Commercial Irrigation:   
Number Number Type

Air Conditioning:  Water Treatment:   
Treatment Plant Type (RO, Distillation, etc.) and Rated Capacity (igpd)

Estimated Water Usage Rate (igpd):

I am the owner of the Property:

I am an authorized representative of the property owner:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the application form is signed by anyone other than the owner of the controlled plant (e.g. an agent), this application must be accompanied by a letter signed by the owner stating that he/she is aware that the application is being made.

## Information on Water Right Applications

Under the Water Resources Act 1975, no well or disposal borehole may be constructed or used in Bermuda without a valid Water Right granted by the Environmental Authority. The Environmental Authority has the power to revoke Water Rights or take other measures to regulate the use of ground water in the best interest of the community. The day to day administration of the Act is carried out by Officers of the Department of Environment & Natural Resources who report to the Environmental Authority.

A well or borehole should be sited no closer than 20 feet from a cesspit and no closer than 10 feet from a neighbour's boundary.

It is recommended that as a courtesy you notify your neighbour's before arranging for a drilling rig to move in to your property.

Only well drillers with a valid licence may be employed to construct boreholes and wells. Contact the Pollution Control Section of the Department of Environment & Natural Resources for a list of licensed drillers.

Well water may be used for flushing and can be suitable for other purposes such as washing. It should not, however, be used for drinking, as contaminants and harmful bacteria can be carried through the rock to your well. Untreated well water should **NEVER** be connected into a household tank and should **NEVER** be supplied to truckers.

**Before any type of well or borehole is dug**, application must be made for a Water Right. This can be done through the Pollution Control Section, Department of Environment & Natural Resources, Botanical Gardens, 169 South Road, Paget, DV-04 or to Department of Environment & Natural Resources, P.O. Box HM 834, Hamilton HM CX.

**Please submit the completed form**, together with the application fees per Domestic or Commercial Water Right as shown at the top of this form to the PO Box address above or to the Department of Environment & Natural Resources, Botanical Gardens, 169 South Road, Paget, DV-04. Cheques should be made payable to the **Accountant General**. Alternatively, payment may be made at the Cashiers, Ground Floor, Government Administration Building, 30 Parliament Street, Hamilton HM 12.

The guidelines for the distinction between a domestic and a commercial Water Right are as follows.

### Domestic:

- (a) A well for supply of flushing/washing/pool water to a house or housing comprising 5 or fewer dwelling units;
- (b) A borehole for disposal of rain water.

### Commercial:

- (a) A well for commercial public supply or for supply to 6 or more dwelling units, or to a restaurant, or to a large office block or to a guest house accommodating 6 or more paying guests, or to a trade, business, manufacturer or process which uses the water as part of its operation;
- (b) A borehole for the disposal of effluent other than rainwater.

Domestic and commercial applications will require consideration at a meeting of the Environmental Authority, which may involve a delay of up to three months.

**All Water Rights are granted for a limited period (usually 5 years), after which time application for a Water Right must be repeated.**

If you are proposing to treat well water with a desalination plant, such as by reverse osmosis, you must apply for a Water Right and separate application must be made for a licence issued by the Environmental Health Department.

### *If You Have Any Queries*

Please contact Patricia Hollis (239-2303), Dr Shaun Lavis (239-2318) or Dr Geoffrey Smith (239-2356) for further information or email [PollutionControl@gov.bm](mailto:PollutionControl@gov.bm) or visit [www.gov.bm](http://www.gov.bm) for forms and legislation.