

Applying for a Surface Water Permit

THE ESSENTIALS

Applying for a surface water permit can be challenging if you don't know what information is needed in advance. You need location information, water use details, and required documents to start the process, as well as the applicable filing fee.

Location Information

- ✓ Legal description of lands and diversion point(s) (section, township, range, and county)
- ✓ Latitude/Longitude coordinates of diversion point(s) (can use phone GPS)

Water Use Details

- ✓ Purpose of use
- ✓ Acres to be irrigated (if applicable)/Area of Use
- ✓ Maximum amount of water requested (acre-feet per year)

Required Documents

- ✓ Ownership or lease documentation (such as a deed)/Right of Access
- ✓ Plat map showing diversion point(s) and area of use
- ✓ List of affected landowners
- ✓ Signature of applicant and notarization (can be notarized for free at the OWRB office)

Processing Time for a surface water permit is typically 3-6 months; missing or incomplete information can cause delays.

An appointment with OWRB staff to go over your application makes the process much easier and can help you avoid delays.

Let us help!
Give us a call at (405) 530-8800 if you would like to set up an in-person or virtual appointment.

Common Issues

- » Not signing/notarizing the application
- » Missing or incomplete application information
- » Incomplete maps
- » Water is not always available

Questions? Email us at waterpermitting@owrb.ok.gov.



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