

Manufactured Housing Communities and Public Water Systems

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What is the Drinking Water Program?

The Maine Drinking Water Program is a public health agency within Maine CDC that oversees the roughly 1,900 public water systems throughout Maine. The Drinking Water Program is responsible for administering and enforcing the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the State of Maine Rules Relating to Drinking Water.

What is a Public Water System?

A public water system (PWS) is any water supply that serves 25 or more people a day, for 60 or more days out of the year. Examples include water utilities, manufactured housing communities, nursing homes, schools, daycares, factories, restaurants, and campgrounds.

Manufactured Housing Communities as Public Water Systems

The number of sites a Manufactured Housing Community (MHC) is licensed for by the Maine Manufactured Housing Board (MHB) determines whether or not they are regulated as a public water system.



Ten (10) or more licensed sites

- A MHC *licensed* for 10 or more sites by the MHB, will be regulated as an active community public water system, unless the MHC meets the specific criteria approved by the DWP and the MHB.
- A MHC licensed for 10 or more sites with multiple, separate well systems and each well system serves 9 or less sites/homes does not meet the criteria of a PWS. Separate well systems must have all parts of the well system (well, pumping, storage, treatment and distribution piping) completely separate.

Nine (9) or less licensed sites

- A MHC licensed for nine or less sites does not meet the criteria of a public water system.

What are the Requirements of Public Water Systems?

The requirements of a public water system depend on the public water system type and may vary according to any site specific and/or water quality characteristics of the water system. The following list is a general overview of a community water system's requirements as a public water system:

- ◆ Initial water testing: approximate cost of \$1,300;
- ◆ Ongoing water testing: approximate annual cost of \$250-500;
- ◆ Annual bill: approximately \$50 per year;
- ◆ Hire or become a Licensed Water Operator;
- ◆ Water system inspections (called sanitary surveys) every 3 years; and
- ◆ Creation and distribution of an annual water quality report, called a Consumer Confidence Report.

For more information or help determining if your Manufactured Housing Community is a public water system contact the Drinking Water Program at 287-2070.



Keep Your Drinking Water Safe:

✓ Protect Your Source ✓ Take Your Samples ✓ Maintain Your Treatment ✓ Inspect Your Pipes & Tanks

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