



# Drinking Water

If your farm or ranch has its own private water source (well, spring, stream, lake, etc.) and is a public or commercial establishment, it may be a “public water system.” A public water system is defined as:

...a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption, if such system has more than three service connections or supplies water to a public or commercial establishment which operates a total of at least 60 days per year, and which is used by 10 or more individuals per day or is a facility licensed by the Health Division...

If your establishment meets the definition of a public water system the Health Division’s rules governing public water systems would apply to you. These rules cover such things as plan review, monitoring (using various laboratory tests) the quality of the water source, reporting test results to the Health Division, operator certification, etc.

The flow-chart will help you classify your establishment if you are still unsure if it is a public water system.

