

Fact Sheet

Drinking Water Source Protection Award Program

The Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality are now awarding certificates of recognition to public water systems that reduce risks to their sources of drinking water. This is one way our agencies can acknowledge excellence in drinking water source protection efforts, protecting a critical resource for people in Oregon. Award certificates can promote consumer trust, positive customer relations, and public support in protecting drinking water sources.

Drinking water protection in the state of Oregon is voluntary. Public water systems can protect their sources of drinking water with strategies that address risks present within a source area as identified in their [source water assessment reports](https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/dwp/Pages/DWPAssessments.aspx) (<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/dwp/Pages/DWPAssessments.aspx>). Reducing contamination risks that have the highest likelihood of affecting water quality can lower treatment costs for public water systems.

How to apply for an award

Public water systems' Drinking Water Data Online profiles now have a section dedicated to source water protection. Click the [DW Source Protection](https://yourwater.oregon.gov/dwsp-all.php) link (<https://yourwater.oregon.gov/dwsp-all.php>) at the bottom of the Drinking Water Data Online page for more information. To apply for a Drinking Water Source Protection Award, fill out the [Source Protection Activities Survey](https://yourwater.oregon.gov/dwsp-form.php) for your water system at <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/dwsp-form.php>.

Questions?

Contact Drinking Water Services at 971-673-0405 or DEQ at Drinkingwater.Protection@deq.oregon.gov

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