

**FLATHEAD RESERVATION**  
**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO**  
**CONSTRUCT A DOMESTIC ALLOWANCE**

Section 2-2-117 of the CSKT-MT Compact Unitary Administration and Management Ordinance (Ordinance), §85-20-1902, MCA, prescribes the process for applying for Domestic Allowances under the authority of the Flathead Reservation Water Management Board on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Use this form to apply for a new use of groundwater for domestic purposes that fits one of the categories below.

Check all appropriate boxes and fill in each blank. If more space is needed, attach properly labeled additional information. To avoid processing delays, submit all required information.

**FILING FEE: \$ 125.00**  
Checks payable to the FRWMB

**FOR WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD USE ONLY**

Water Right # \_\_\_\_\_ Basin \_\_\_\_\_

Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

Rec'd By \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Refund \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Attention!**

**Before drilling a well or developing a spring, an appropriator must file this form and receive approval to develop a Domestic Allowance.**

**After drilling a well or developing a spring, an appropriator must file a Domestic Allowance Completion Form (form 60DF- Part B, Completion) within one year of approval to construct a well or develop a spring.**

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT<sup>1</sup> (Select one only)**

- Individual Domestic Allowance § 2-2-117 (4):** a single well or developed spring for 1 household with a flow rate up to 35 gallons per minute and a volume of up to 2.4 acre-feet per year with no more than 0.7 acres of lawn & garden.
- Shared Domestic Allowance § 2-2-117 (5):** a single well or developed spring for 2 or 3 households with a flow rate of up to 35 gallons per minute and a volume of up to 2.4 acre-feet per year with no more than 0.5 acres of lawn & garden for two homes or businesses and no more than 0.75 acres for three. You must attach a copy of the shared well agreement.

**Development Domestic Allowances - not accepted during interim period, file with the Office of the Engineer**

~~Development Domestic Allowance § 2-2-117 (6): one or more wells and/or developed springs, not to exceed one per home or business) for a development with a flow rate of up to 35 gallons per minute and a volume of up to 10 acre feet per year with no more than 0.25 acres of lawn & garden per home or business. You must attach a copy of the shared well agreement, a description of the measuring device to be used for annual reporting requirements, and a copy of the development plan, plat, or equivalent as required by the county.~~

**If you did not mark one of the boxes above, you cannot use this form. See the Unitary Administration and Management Ordinance, § 2-2-117, for complete details on domestic allowances.**

<sup>1</sup> Please note: all ground water wells and developed springs must comply with the Montana Groundwater Diversion Standards adopted in section 1-1-111 of the Ordinance. See them printed at the end of this form. A Domestic Allowance form may not be used to fill or maintain Pits, Pit-Dams, Constructed Ponds, or Reservoirs.

Check this box if you already drilled a well or developed a spring for the Domestic Allowance being filed for on this application form. If you check this box, fill in 'proposed' sections of this form with information about the well or developed spring that was already constructed. Additionally, if you already constructed the well or developed spring, please provide the following information:

Date well or developed spring was constructed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date water was first put to use: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your Well Log, which can be found online: <https://mbmaggwic.mtech.edu/>

**If you put your water to use before September 17, 2021, and did not file with DNRC by March 16, 2022, there is currently not an interim process to resolve your application. That process will be developed once the Board's Office of the Engineer becomes fully functional; your application will be held and you will be contacted by the Office of the Engineer at that time.**

**[technical team recommendation: remove language above, "and did not file with DNRC by March 16, 2022"]**

Notice of your application being received by the Board. Received applications will be date-stamped, scanned, and publically posted at this location: <https://bit.ly/FRWMB-Meetings-Page>

Within 30 days of the Board receiving your application, you will be mailed either approval to construct your Domestic Allowance or additional instructions about your application.

## 1. WATER RIGHT OWNER INFORMATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. PROPOSED SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

- Well(s)  
 Developed Spring(s) (must be fully enclosed)

*\*Note: Pits, pit-dams, constructed ponds, and reservoirs are not permitted under Ordinance Section 2-2-117. Both wells and developed springs must utilize well shaft casing to be fully enclosed.*

Please describe your proposed appropriation works (including anticipated Well Shaft Casing Description) and the number of wells or springs.

## 3. PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE: Check those that apply and answer applicable questions

- Domestic:** Number of homes supplied: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year round use?  Yes  No If no, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, inclusive of each year.
- Lawn & Garden:** *Include only watered area. Do not include house footprint, driveway, graveled areas, etc.*  
Total size of lawn & garden - length x width \_\_\_\_\_ -OR- Number of Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: if this is for a Shared or Development Domestic Allowance, please use the map required by question 8 to show the yard/garden acreage footprint for each house. Please answer the period of use question directly below either way.)  
April 1 – October 31  Yes  No If no, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, inclusive of each year.
- Stock:**  
Number & type: (Ex: 40 Cows & 1 Horse) \_\_\_\_\_  
Year round use?  Yes  No If no, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, inclusive of each year.
- Other:** (Do not include purposes described above)  
Describe the purpose of the use \_\_\_\_\_
- Amount of water used \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per day Number of days used \_\_\_\_\_  
Year-round use?  Yes  No If no, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, inclusive of each year.

**4. PROPOSED POINT OF DIVERSION** (Please include Latitude and Longitude Coordinates, if possible)

LATITUDE \_\_\_\_\_ LONGITUDE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_ 1/4 Section \_\_\_\_ Twp \_\_\_\_ N / S Rge \_\_\_\_ E / W County \_\_\_\_\_

Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_ Subdivision Name \_\_\_\_\_

Government Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ COS No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, including City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**5. COMBINATION OR SHARED DEVELOPMENT**

Will this development be used in combination with another well or spring?  Yes  No

If yes, please attach a separate sheet listing additional Points of Diversion and explain how the development is used.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6. PROPOSED PLACE OF USE**

Geocode of the place of use (17 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

If there are multiple places of use, list the geocode for each parcel on an attached sheet. The geocodes can be found in county records, tax statements, or at <http://svc.mt.gov/msl/mtcadastral/>.

Is the place where water will be used the same as the point of diversion?  Yes  No

If no, enter the place of use land description below. If more than one place of use, please attach a separate sheet with additional land descriptions.

\_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_ 1/4 \_\_\_\_ 1/4 Section \_\_\_\_ Twp \_\_\_\_ N / S Rge \_\_\_\_ E / W County \_\_\_\_\_

Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_ Subdivision Name \_\_\_\_\_

Government Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ COS No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, including City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**7. MAP**

Attach a site-map showing the location of all proposed wells or developed springs, including latitude and longitude in decimal degrees. The map must also show a minimum of 500 feet in radius around the proposed well(s) or spring(s) and include all of the following (existing or proposed by the applicant): well(s), developed springs, sewage facilities, buildings, well connections to buildings, property lines, property ownerships, irrigated acres per lot or unit, any and all means of conveyance for all water rights in the area, all water right points of diversions, and all surface water features.

## 8. AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP OR WRITTEN CONSENT

I have possessory interest in the property where the proposed water use will be put to beneficial use, diverted, conveyed, impounded, stored, transported, withdrawn, used, and distributed, OR I have attached written consent of the person with the possessory interest in the property where the water will be put to beneficial use, diverted, conveyed, impounded, stored, transported, withdrawn, used, and distributed (§ 1-1-110(10) of the Ordinance).

**\*\*Please note, you must submit ORIGINAL owner signatures, copies will not be accepted\*\***

I declare under penalty of perjury & under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true & correct.

Printed Name\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon receipt of this form, the interim Engineer shall review the application and within 30 days the Board may either approve the domestic allowance or return a defective application to the applicant, together with the reasons for returning it, affording the applicant the opportunity to correct deficiencies. If the Board does not approve or return an application within the 30-day review period, the application shall be deemed approved.**

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## AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP A DOMESTIC ALLOWANCE

Authorization \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This authorization to develop a Domestic Allowance entitles an Appropriator to construct the authorized type of Domestic Allowance within, but not to exceed, one year of the date of approval. After completion of the project and putting the water to use, the Applicant must file a 60DF-Part B, Completion Form within 120 days to obtain a Domestic Allowance Certificate.**

**Montana Groundwater Diversion Standards adopted in the Unitary Administration and Management Ordinance  
(MCA 85-20-1902)**

1. Wells:
  - a. Persons that drill, make, or construct Wells, including monitoring Wells, on the Reservation shall comply with Title 37 Chapter 43, MCA, and ARM 36 Chapter 21 licensing, conduct, and regulatory requirements, or any successor provisions promulgated in State law.
  - b. all Well construction on the Reservation shall meet the standards set forth in ARM 36 Chapter 21, or any successor provisions promulgated in State law.
  - c. construction and operations of all Wells must comply with all applicable federal, State, Tribal, and local environmental regulations.
  
2. Developed Springs:
  - a. all Developed Spring collection components, including but not limited to infiltration galleries, infiltration basins, and French drains, shall be installed and buried under the surface of the ground.
  - b. all means of storage and conveyance, including but not limited to supply pipes, cisterns, and pump housings, shall be sealed and made impervious to water and designed in a manner that protects the source from backflow and surface contamination.
  - c. open pits, ponds, or excavations shall not be used as a means of diversion for Developed Springs.
  - d. construction and operation of all Developed Springs must comply with all applicable federal, State, Tribal, and local environmental regulations.
  
3. Aquifer Injection and Injection Wells are not allowed except when used exclusively for Heating/Cooling Exchange Wells.