

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DRINKING WATER SECTION**

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION FORM–Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if I am a public water system or not?

If you are receiving this mailing, you are currently considered to be a public water system, regulated by the Drinking Water Section of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Completing and submitting this form is a requirement. For some systems, it is possible that information you provide may cause your water system to be reclassified and removed from our inventory of regulated public water systems.

What is the correct way to complete ‘Facilities and/or businesses supplied by water system’?

Please indicate each entity that is served by the water system, by name or type, and include the nature of the facility or business in parentheses if it is not clear from the name.

What is the correct address of the TNCPWS?

The address is the physical location of the business, church, park, etc. where the water system is located.

What is the town of the TNCPWS?

The town is the one in which the water system is physically located. Please input one of the 169 towns in Connecticut into this field. Please do not use a borough or section of town. For example, Unionville is not a town; Farmington would be the appropriate response in this case.

What is a ‘licensed food service establishment’?

If any of the businesses served by the water system acquire a food service license from the local health director, then ‘yes’ is the appropriate answer for this question.

My TNCPWS is open year-round. How do I respond to the ‘annual operating period’ question?

The appropriate response is as follows: From Jan. 1 To Dec. 31 or From 1/1 To 12/31.

What happens if I connect or have already connected to a water company?

If a TNCPWS interconnects to a viable public water system, it would no longer be considered a public water system and all of the associated requirements would no longer apply. If you are interested in interconnecting to a nearby water system, please contact that system directly. This office should be notified of any impending interconnections. If a TNCPWS has already interconnected, please note this on the attached form and attach a copy of the most recent water bill so that the system can be removed from our inventory. The Drinking Water Section recommends that all water systems investigate the feasibility of interconnecting to a water company so that a safe and reliable water supply is provided.

Please clarify this question: ‘Do at least 25 individuals (including employees, customers, parishioners, visitors, etc., but not necessarily the same individuals) visit the facilities/businesses supplied by the water system daily at least 60 days out of the year?’

The answer to this question is ‘yes’ if 25 or more individuals come to the business(es), church, park, restaurant, etc. during the day for 60 or more days in a year. It does not matter if it is 60 days in a row or not, or if it is the same people or not. As long as 60 or more days in a year, 25 or more people visit the property, the appropriate answer is ‘yes’.

What do I do if I still have unanswered questions?

A significant amount of information is available on our website, including water quality testing schedules for all PWSs, program information, contact information, fact sheets, etc. The website address is: <http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/water/DWD.htm>. Information specific to TNCPWSs is located at http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/water/Utility/tnc_info_intro.pdf