

Program at a Glance

Water Supply Certification Program

What is a Water Supply Certification letter?

A Water Supply Certification letter is issued by the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD) to certify that adequate water supply is available to serve the proposed development in accordance with the permitted withdrawal capacity in the County's Water Use Permit. It is issued to comply with Section 163.3180(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and with Policy CIE-5D in the Capital Improvement Element and Policy WS-2C in the Water and Sewer Element of the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). The CDMP policy states that MDWASD is responsible for monitoring the availability of water supplies for all its water users and for implementing a system that links water supplies to the permitting of new development to assure adequate water supply is available to all its users.

Calculation of water consumption

The total gallons of water required for a specific development activity or proposed use is calculated according to the usage flows in Chapter 24, Section 24-43-1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and as amended in the future.

How long is the Water Supply Certification letter valid?

The Water Supply Certification for a development that requires an Agreement is valid for a period of one year provided the developer complies with the terms and conditions of the Agreement. The reservation may be extended if a building permit application is filed or if the Agreement remains active. Reservation for projects that are issued a Verification Form or Ordinance letter that do not require a building permit is valid for 90 days. If a building permit is required, the reservation is valid for one year, and the applicant must apply for a building permit within the year to maintain an active reservation. Water supply reservation for projects requiring a Plat is consistent with the concurrency time frame established in the Code of Miami-Dade County. The water supply reservation remains active as long as the building permit is active.

- All new construction, addition, renovation or changes in use resulting in an increase in water consumption need a Water Supply Certification letter.
- The Certification letter is issued at the time an Agreement, Verification Form, or Ordinance Letter is offered or during the Plat process, prior to final Development Order.
- The Water Supply Certification fee is \$90. A \$30 re-certification fee applies if a revision is required within three months of issuance.



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