

Water Cooperative of Washington
Application for Membership and Water Users Agreement

Water Utility:

Water Cooperative of Washington (Cooperative)
PO Box 683
Lopez WA 98261

Member:

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Primary Phone Number _____
Lopez Phone Number _____
Email address _____

Proposed service address _____
Proposed service tax parcel number _____

The undersigned (member) hereby applies for membership in the water cooperative of Washington. Once accepted by the Board of Directors and appropriate fees are paid this membership will entitle the member to water service for one equivalent residential unit (ERU) at the above property consisting of up to one single family residence + related outbuildings. Members wishing to construct a guest house or more than one dwelling will be required to have a membership for each dwelling.

Member agrees:

1. To pay the fees as detailed in the current rate schedule
2. To be bound by and comply with the provisions of the articles of incorporation, bylaws and such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the cooperative or its Board of Directors. The member recognizes that these documents constitute a contract between the member and the cooperative. Member shall be provided a copy of the bylaws upon or before signing this application.
3. To purchase from the cooperative water service for the member's own property in accord with the current rate schedule.
4. Cooperate to a reasonable degree with cooperative employees and contractors during repairs or construction that may require short water outages
5. To pay the cooperative for any line extension or change necessary to provide the requested service in accordance with the cooperative current line extension policy
6. The member recognizes the right of the cooperative to terminate water service for non-payment of delinquent accounts the member further recognizes the right of the cooperative to take other measures to cure defaults by the member and that such other measures may include but are not limited to recording a lien against the defaulting member's property. The cooperative, its employees and contractors are hereby released from any liability or damage which may result from the termination of the water service to the member or other measures taken by the cooperative should the member fail to comply with the payment policy.
7. To keep area around the members water meter clear of obstacles as needed for normal reading and maintenance
8. The member agrees **not** to touch, handle, repair or in any manner contact the distribution mains, hydrants, valves, treatment units, tanks or other equipment owned by the cooperative; and to indemnify and hold the cooperative and its contractors harmless from any and all claims, loss, damage and expense arising from any violation of this section; and gives permission for the cooperative to discontinue service if member violates any of the provisions of this section.

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It is mutually agreed:

1. The cooperative will furnish and install a meter, valve and if needed a backflow prevention assembly at or near the member's property line. Installation and maintenance of all service lines and plumbing beyond that is the responsibility of the member.
2. The cooperative shall attempt to provide constant and uninterrupted supply of water that meets or exceeds the government standards for drinking water. If such water supply shall be interrupted whether caused by storm, fire, flood or other acts of god or acts of public authorities or from any cause whatsoever beyond the reasonable control of the cooperative, the cooperative, its employees and contractors shall not be liable for any loss or damages incurred.
3. Auxiliary water sources such as rainwater catchment or groundwater wells may be used but cannot be interconnected with the cooperative.
4. The cooperative at its discretion may require a backflow prevention assembly at or near the user's meter. Extra costs related to the installation and maintenance of a backflow prevention assembly (if required) will be the responsibility of the customer.
5. The cooperative shall have final jurisdiction in any question of location of any service line connection to its distribution system; shall determine the allocation of water to the Users in the event of a water shortage; may shut off the water to a user who allows a connection of extension to be made to his/her service line for the purpose of supplying water to another property. In the event that the total water supply shall be insufficient to meet all of the needs of the Users, or in the event of a shortage of water, the cooperative may prorate the water available among the various Users on such basis as is deemed equitable by the Board of Directors, and may also prescribe a schedule of hours covering the use of water for garden purposes or other outdoor water use by particular Users, and require adherence thereto, or prohibit the use of water for garden purposes or other outdoor water use; provided that, if at any time the total water supply shall be insufficient to meet the needs of all Users, WCW must first satisfy all of the needs of all Users for domestic purposes before supplying any water for livestock purposes and must satisfy all the needs of all Users for both domestic and livestock purposes before supplying any water for garden purposes or other outside activities.
6. The member will hold the cooperative and its contractors free from all liability for any and all losses incurred by reason of any interruption or defect in the water provided to the member's premises or damages related to failure, defect or leak in the member's pipes, sinks, toilets or other plumbing equipment.

Member Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Member Accepted _____ President Signature

Member Rejected _____ President Signature

Date _____