

Water Use Reporting

THE ESSENTIALS

Why do we care how much water you use?

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) is responsible for managing Oklahoma's water resources. To do that effectively, we need to know how much water is being used, by whom, and where. This information allows the agency to enforce water rights, plan for the future, and comply with interstate compacts.

Ensuring Oklahoma water is being lawfully managed & permit holders are not exceeding authorized amounts.



Addressing increased demand & the effects of drought through the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan.



Reporting usage as part of Oklahoma's legal obligations in four interstate stream compact agreements.



Why do we collect an annual fee?

The annual fee is a cost-recovery mechanism. The OWRB incurs real expenses to process and maintain permit records, conduct field inspections/compliance reviews, operate data management systems, and staff the program year-round.

Rather than relying entirely on general state appropriations, the fee puts a portion of the program cost on the water users who directly benefit from having their water rights secured and administered.



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