

**Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) (406) 444-2544**

1520 E. 6th Ave.  
Helena, MT 59620  
[Website: www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov)

Conducts a number of regulatory activities related to water resources, for detailed information contact the following:

- Complaints, investigation, enforcement: 444-0379
- Public water supply drinking water quality, contamination, testing: 444-4400
- Nonpoint source pollution, wetland disturbances: 444-7425
- Permits, licenses, approval: groundwater, surface water discharge: 444-5546

**Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology (406) 496-4167**

1300 W. Park St.  
Butte, MT 59701-8997  
[Website: www.mbmgt.mtech.edu](http://www.mbmgt.mtech.edu)

Maintains a statewide database of groundwater information and well records. Conducts groundwater and surface water research statewide. To locate a well log, visit: <http://mbmgwic.mtech.edu>.

**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (406) 586-3136**

2273 Boot Hill Ct., Suite 110  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
[Website: www.dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water](http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water)

Provides information on water rights in Gallatin County. Issues permits for water rights and usage changes. Conducts water right transfers for real estate transactions. Administers controlled groundwater areas in Gallatin County.

**Montana Water Center (406) 994-6690**

605D Leon Johnson Hall, MSU  
Bozeman, MT 59717  
Email: [water@montana.edu](mailto:water@montana.edu)  
[Website: www.water.montana.edu](http://www.water.montana.edu)

Provides research opportunities, information and training to Montana's water professionals.

**Montana Water Court (406) 586-4364**

PO Box 1389  
Bozeman, MT 59771-1389  
Email: [watercourt@mt.gov](mailto:watercourt@mt.gov)  
[Website: www.courts.mt.gov/courts/water](http://www.courts.mt.gov/courts/water)

Handles questions concerning elements of senior water rights (pre 1973).

**Natural Resources & Conservation Service (NRCS) (406) 587-6811**

10 E. Babcock St., Room 443  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
[Website: www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov)

Administers cost-share programs dealing with efficient use of water for irrigation. Coordinates with the Gallatin Conservation District to provide technical assistance to landowners on water resource issues.

**Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)**

PO Box 1308  
Belgrade, MT 59714  
Email: [agaimt@gmail.com](mailto:agaimt@gmail.com)  
[Website: www.agaimt.com](http://www.agaimt.com)

Non-profit organization designed to be the guardian and advocate of the Gallatin River system and its historically decreed water rights.

**Water Commissioner (406) 580-5555**

Chief Water Commissioner  
George Alberda

The water commissioners administer water right decrees, by priority date. They mediate water distribution disputes as appointed by the 18th Judicial District Water Judge.

Water Commissioners and assigned areas:

**Middle, Hyalite, South Cottonwood and Bozeman Creeks**

George Alberda — (406) 580-5555

**West Gallatin and Baker Creek**

George Alberda — (406) 580-5555

**North & South Willow Creek and Harrison Lake**

Lezlie Kinne — (406) 685-3296



215 W. Mendenhall, Suite 300  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
[www.glwqd.org](http://www.glwqd.org)  
(406) 582-3168

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# Who Does What with Water in the Gallatin Valley



*West Gallatin River, Gallatin Gateway, Montana*

## *Gallatin Local Water Quality District*

215 W. Mendenhall, Suite 300  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
[www.glwqd.org](http://www.glwqd.org)  
(406) 582-3168

*Helping the residents of the Gallatin Valley protect, preserve and improve our surface water and groundwater resources.*

## Gallatin Local Water Quality District

(GLWQD) provides local resource information on water quality and quantity issues. The GLWQD conducts water related research and monitoring projects and participates in education and outreach activities for adults and children relating to groundwater and surface water.

The GLWQD strives to be a clearinghouse of information for residents of the Gallatin Valley. This brochure contains contact information on city, county and state organizations that work on issues related to our local water resources. If you have a water-related question, please contact the most appropriate department or agency listed here.

If you need additional assistance or are not sure who to talk to, please contact the Gallatin Local Water Quality District at 582-3168 and we will do our best to assist you.

## Watershed Groups

### Gallatin Watershed Council, Inc.

PO Box 751  
Bozeman, MT 59771  
Email: [info@gallatinwatershedcouncil.org](mailto:info@gallatinwatershedcouncil.org)  
Website: [www.gallatinwatershedcouncil.org](http://www.gallatinwatershedcouncil.org)

A local nonprofit organization that brings together sound science and citizen involvement creating a forum for community-based problem solving and focused action within the greater Gallatin watershed. Programs include community education forums, watershed tours, volunteer stream monitoring and watershed resource assessment planning.

### Gallatin River Task Force (406) 993-2519

PO Box 160513  
Big Sky, MT 59716  
Email: [headwaters@gallatinrivertaskforce.org](mailto:headwaters@gallatinrivertaskforce.org)  
Website: [www.gallatinrivertaskforce.org](http://www.gallatinrivertaskforce.org)

Focused on the upper Gallatin watershed (Big Sky area) this locally-led nonprofit conducts community volunteer water monitoring and education as well as watershed resource assessment planning for the upper portion of the Gallatin watershed.

## Municipal Water Supplies

### BIG SKY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

**(406) 995-2660**  
561 Little Coyote Road  
PO Box 160670, Big Sky, MT 59716  
Email: [office@wsd363.com](mailto:office@wsd363.com)  
Website: [www.bigskywatersewer.com](http://www.bigskywatersewer.com)

Special purpose unit of government organized to regulate and operate the water and sewer systems at Big Sky. Customers are billed for water and sewer services for residences and commercial buildings and may request connection or disconnection services.

### CITY OF BELGRADE

**Public Works Director/City Hall**  
**(406) 388-3760 — billing**  
**(406) 388-3753 — water/sewer service questions**  
91 E. Central Ave  
Belgrade, MT 59714  
Email: [belgrade@cityofbelgrade.net](mailto:belgrade@cityofbelgrade.net)  
Website: [www.ci.belgrade.mt.us](http://www.ci.belgrade.mt.us)

Provides drinking water from groundwater for the residents and businesses in the City of Belgrade. Also provides water for fire protection, household use and irrigation. At this office you can pay your bill or request to have your service connected or disconnected. You can also make your payment online or by mail.

### CITY OF BOZEMAN

Website: [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net)

### Finance Dept./Water Cashier (406) 582-2303

121 Rouse St.  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
Email: [finance@bozeman.net](mailto:finance@bozeman.net)

Pay your bill or request service connections/disconnections. There is also an invoice and envelope provided with your bill so that you can mail your payment.

### Water/Sewer Department (406) 582-3200

Report service disruption, broken lines, discoloration in your water, or a bad odor or taste.

### Water Treatment Plant (406) 994-0500

Email: [reservoir@bozeman.net](mailto:reservoir@bozeman.net)  
Supplies drinking water for businesses and residences in the City of Bozeman, from Hyalite, Sourdough and Lyman Creeks.

### Water Reclamation Facility (406) 582-2928

Wastewater from within the municipal city limits is purified and discharged into the East Gallatin River.

## TOWN OF MANHATTAN

### Director of Public Works/Town Hall (406) 284-3278

207 S. 6th St.  
PO Box 96, Manhattan, MT 59741  
Email: [townofmanhattan@gmail.com](mailto:townofmanhattan@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.townofmanhattan.com](http://www.townofmanhattan.com)

Provides drinking water for the Town of Manhattan from a spring and three wells. Pay your bill or request service connections/disconnections. You can also mail your payment to their PO Box.

Payments are also taken at the Manhattan State Bank at 124 S. Broadway.

## Technical Assistance

### Environmental Health Services-Gallatin Co. (406) 582-3120

215 W. Mendenhall, Room 108, Bozeman, MT 59715  
Email: [ehs@gallatin.mt.gov](mailto:ehs@gallatin.mt.gov)  
Website: [www.healthygallatin.org](http://www.healthygallatin.org)

Issues septic permits. Conducts septic system installation inspections. Observes septic site evaluations and interprets soil conditions for their suitability to absorb wastewater. Assists in subdivision review by assessing the quality, quantity and dependability of drinking water; type and location of septic systems; surface water runoff; storm drainage; and well and septic layouts.

### Gallatin Conservation District (406) 282-4350

120 S. 5th St. #B104, PO Box 569, Manhattan, MT 59741  
Website: [www.gallatincd.org](http://www.gallatincd.org)

Issues 310 permits for stream bed work. Administers various grants for local watershed groups. Delivers camps and special events at their natural resources education center.

### Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (406) 994-4042

1400 S. 19th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718  
Email: [fwprg3@mt.gov](mailto:fwprg3@mt.gov)  
Website: [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov)

Issues permits for private ponds., maintains fishing access sites and the statewide aquatic invasive species (AIS) program. Investigates citizen reports of AIS prevention violations, poaching, and unauthorized release/transport of aquatic species.