

FAQs Water Haulers: Registration and Inspections

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-28-16

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Question:

- 1. Are water supplies at restaurants that utilize hauled storage tanks for their water source regulated by the local health department even though they are public transient, non community water systems?**

Answer:

Yes. The definition for "Private Water System" in OAC 3701-28-01(PPP)(9) was modified to include public water supplies that are considered "exempt by the Ohio EPA under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 6109.2. These could include any small public system, such as a church or restaurant that uses hauled water as the primary source of water. If continuous disinfection is added to treat the water from one of these exempt hauled water storage tanks, then they are no longer considered exempt and are back under the jurisdiction of the Ohio EPA.

Question:

- 2. When do local health departments annually register and inspect water haulers?**

Answer:

The period of water hauler registration shall begin on January first of each calendar year and expire on December thirty-first of each calendar year. Each water hauler must be inspected and registered by the local health district prior to the water hauler delivering water in the registration year. A local health district may inspect a water hauler multiple times during a calendar year if it is necessary.

Question:

- 3. What is the intention of the "fee" in OAC 3701-28-16 (D) for hauling water from an unapproved source?**

Answer:

The fee is intended as a penalty for hauling water from an unapproved water source for delivery to a private water system. A water hauler may not use water from a

private well that they own for delivery to a private water system. A water hauler may only haul water for delivery to a private water system from an approved public water source.

Question:

- 4. Can a business operation such as the “Wilds”, haul water from a location on their property to other locations on that property under the private water system rules and do they require an annual water hauler registration and inspection?**

Answer:

If hauling water is being done as a part of their business operation then they are considered in the business i.e. landlord hauling water to tenants.

The water hauling operation would need an annual registration and truck inspection and the water source that they are hauling from would have to be determined to be an approved public supply based on the requirements of the Ohio EPA.