

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

1520 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620

Website: [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov)

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

- Complaints, investigation, enforcement 444-0379
- Nonpoint source pollution-agriculture, forestry, mining, etc. 444-5319
- Permits, licenses, approval: groundwater, surface water discharge 444-3080
- Public water supply: drinking water quality, contamination, testing 444-4400
- Wetland disturbances 444-6652

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

1300 West Park St. Butte, MT 59701-8997

Website: [www.mbm.mtech.edu](http://www.mbm.mtech.edu)

Maintains a statewide database of groundwater information and well records. Conducts groundwater and surface-water research statewide. The web site for locating well logs is <http://mbm.mtech.edu>

**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (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 well drilling permits for the controlled groundwater areas in Gallatin County.

**Montana Watercourse (994-1910)**

335 Culbertson Hall, MSU, Bozeman, MT 59717

Website: [www.mtwatercourse.org](http://www.mtwatercourse.org)

Statewide water education program providing information, resources, tools and education to all water users.

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

23 Faculty Court, 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 (586-4364)**

PO Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771-1389

Email: [watercourt@mt.gov](mailto:watercourt@mt.gov)

Website: [www.courts.mt.gov/water](http://www.courts.mt.gov/water)

Handles questions concerning elements of an old water right (pre 1973).

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

10 E. Babcock St., Rm. 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-related issues.

**Water Commissioner (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 Creek, Hyalite Creek, South Cottonwood Creek & Bozeman Creek**

George Alberda — 580-5555

**West Gallatin and Baker Creek**

George Alberda — 580-5555

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

Lezlie Kinne — 685-3296

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

Email: [agaimt@gmail.com](mailto:agaimt@gmail.com)

Website: [www.agaimt.com](http://www.agaimt.com)



Phone: (406) 582-3168

Website: [www.gallatin.mt.gov/glwqd](http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/glwqd)

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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.gallatin.mt.gov/GLWQD](http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/GLWQD)

(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

### Greater Gallatin Watershed Council, Inc.

PO Box 751 Bozeman, MT 59771  
Email: [info@greatergallatin.org](mailto:info@greatergallatin.org)  
Website: [www.greatergallatin.org](http://www.greatergallatin.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 (993-2519)

47855 Gallatin Road 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

(995-2660)

561 Little Coyote Road, PO Box 160670 Big Sky, MT 59716  
Email: [wsd363@3rivers.net](mailto:wsd363@3rivers.net)  
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 (388-3760)

91 E. Central 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 mail in your payment to this address.

### CITY OF BOZEMAN

PO Box 1230, Bozeman, MT 59771  
Website: [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net)

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

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

At this office you can pay your bill or request to have your service connected or disconnected. There is also an invoice and envelope provided with your bill so that you can mail your payment.

#### Water Dept./City Shop (582-3200)

If you have no water, broken lines, notice discoloration in your water, a bad odor or taste, call the Water Department at the City Shop.

#### Water Treatment Plant (994-0501)

Email: [reservoir@bozeman.net](mailto:reservoir@bozeman.net)

Supplies drinking water for businesses and residences in the City of Bozeman, from Hyalite Creek, Sourdough Creek and Lyman Creek.

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

Uses the most advanced technology to clean wastewater. Wastewater from the municipal city limits is purified and discharged into the East Gallatin River.

### TOWN OF MANHATTAN

#### Director of Public Works/Town Hall (284-3235)

207 S. 6th, 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. At this office you can pay your water and sewer bill or request to have your service connected or disconnected. You can also mail your payment to this address. Payments are also taken at the Manhattan State Bank at 124 S. Broadway.

## Technical Assistance

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

215 W. Mendenhall, Rm. 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. Reviews percolation test results. 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. Inspects public water supplies.

### Gallatin Conservation District (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. Also administers natural resources education-related funding.

### MT Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (994-4042)

1400 S.19th Bozeman, MT 59718  
Email: [fwprg3@mt.gov](mailto:fwprg3@mt.gov)  
Website (FWP Region 3): [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov)

Issues permits for private ponds. Responsible for maintenance of fishing access sites.