



**APPLICATION FOR OPERATING PERMIT**  
**(Effective April 26, 2022)**

*This form may be submitted in person, by mail or e-mail, or online at [www.benbrookwater.com](http://www.benbrookwater.com)*

In accordance with Authority Rules, an Operating Permit is required by the Authority for drilling, equipping, completing, substantially altering, operating, or producing groundwater from any new or existing well unless exempt from permitting under Authority Rule 5.1.

**\*If an Operating Permit is required, both a well registration and a permit must be obtained prior to drilling.**

**\*Only one application for an Operating Permit is required if the groundwater to be withdrawn from one or more of wells included in the application are or will be part of the same well system. However, a separate well registration application must be submitted for each well in the system.**

Application date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the well(s) registered with the Authority?

Yes       No

If no, complete a well registration application(s) and submit as an attachment to this application for Operating Permit.

If yes, is the applicant (well owner, property owner) information for this permit the same as in the well registration?  Yes       No

If no, please update your well registration with the Authority.

**I. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. PURPOSE FOR WATER USE**

Mark (x) all appropriate boxes that describe what the water from the well will be used for and indicate the amount of water to be used each calendar year for each purpose:

Domestic Use (Household/lawn watering at residence)       Public Water System  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_      Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Livestock or Poultry Watering       Industrial/Manufacturing  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_      Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial/Small Business/Golf Course       Leachate, Monitoring,  
Commercial Irrigation      Observation  
Amount \_\_\_\_\_      Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Agriculture/Ag Irrigation       Supplying water for oil and  
gas      rig activities or production  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_      Including fracing  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Filling a pond or other surface impoundment  
(Check all uses for water from the pond or surface impoundment)  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe use: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*If you plan to change the type of use of the groundwater indicated in this application or substantially alter the well in a manner that still does not require an Operating Permit, the well must be re-registered.***

Location where water will be used: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. ATTACHMENTS

Please indicate any attachments by checking the applicable boxes below:

I have attached an application to register the well(s) that is the subject of this application for Operating Permit (if a registration application has not already been submitted).  Yes  
 No

I have attached a location map of all existing wells, including existing wells of the Authority, within the applicable minimum spacing distance from other wells set forth under Rule 8 of the Authority's Rules.  Yes  No  N/A

I have attached a map or other documentation from the tax appraisal district or other county office indicating the location of the proposed well or the existing well to be modified or otherwise permitted, the subject property, and any property owners' physical addresses and mailing addresses that have land located in whole or in part within the applicable minimum spacing distance from property lines set forth under Rule 8.  Yes  No

I have attached a hydrogeological report as required under Authority Rule 6.3(8) because I am (check all that apply):

- requesting to operate a nonexempt well with an annual maximum permitted use of at least five (5) acre feet;
- requesting to amend and increase by at least five (5) acre feet the annual maximum permitted use of an Operating Permit; or
- requesting an exception to the well spacing requirements under Rule 9.1
- N/A

### IV. AUTHORIZED QUANTITY OF PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION LIMITATIONS

The Authority shall designate the annual quantity of groundwater authorized to be withdrawn and used under an Operating Permit pursuant to the conditions of the Authority's Act, Chapters 49 and 51 of the Texas Water Code, and the Authority's Rules; provided, however, that the quantity shall not exceed in any calendar year the lesser of two (2) acre-feet per acre of land contiguous to the well site and owned or leased for the right to produce groundwater by Applicant as designated in this permit application or an amount demonstrated by Applicant and determined by the Board to be necessary for beneficial use during the permit term, except as may be reduced if the Authority imposes restrictions as provided by the Authority Rules.

**V. CERTIFICATIONS**

- I certify that I will comply with the Authority's rules and all groundwater use permits issued to me and all plans promulgated pursuant to the Authority's Rules.
  
- I understand that I am required by the Authority Rules to meter wells, report groundwater production amounts, and pay water use fees to the Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.
  
- I agree that I will use reasonable diligence to protect groundwater quality, including compliance with Chapter 1902, Occupations Code, and that I will follow well plugging guidelines at the time of well closure.
  
- I certify that the information provided herein and given herewith is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that all water produced from the well that is the subject of any permit issued to me will at all times be put to beneficial use. I further certify that I will comply with the Authority's Rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**BWA TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

Operating Permit Application Received    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Operating Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Well Owner: \_\_\_\_\_