

Well Drilling Permits in Marin County – Local Authorities and Laws

(City Business Permits and Encroachment Permits are NOT addressed in this table.)

Water Wells, Well Destructions, Cathodic Protection Wells, Monitoring Wells, Test or Exploration Holes
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City, Area or District	Drinking Water Wells	Irrigation Wells	Well Destruction	Cathodic Protection	Monitoring Wells	Test Holes	Ordinance / Chapter
Belvedere	EHS * (PTO by EHS)	EHS *	EHS *	EHS	EHS	EHS	90-3, 90-4 Ch. 8.32
Corte Madera	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	None
Fairfax	EHS * (PTO by EHS/ City)	EHS *	EHS	EHS *	EHS *	EHS	583 Ch. 8.30
Larkspur	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	803 -
Marin County (unincorporated)	EHS (PTO by EHS)	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	2598, 2669 MCC.Ch. 7.28
Mill Valley	City (PTO by EHS)	City	City	EHS	EHS	EHS	923 Ch. 14.06
Novato	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	None
*Ross	EHS *	EHS *	EHS *	EHS *	EHS *	EHS	496 Ch. 13.12
*San Anselmo	EHS *	EHS *	EHS *	EHS	EHS	EHS	940 Title 9, Ch. 17
San Rafael	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	1603 Ch. 9.24
Sausalito	City	City	EHS – MW only City – water wells	EHS	EHS	EHS	1065, 4031 CH. 18.06
*Tiburon	EHS *	EHS *	EHS	EHS	EHS	EHS	392, 445 Ch. 13-F
***MMWD and NMWD areas	EHS *** (PTO by EHS**)	EHS ***	EHS ***	-	-	-	-
Bollinas PUD	EHS **	EHS **	EHS **	EHS *	EHS ***	EHS ***	-
**Stinson Beach Water District	EHS **	District	District	District	District	District	83-01 Ch. 83.01

KEY TO THE TABLE

- EHS - Requires a well drilling permit from Marin County Environmental Health Services (EHS)
- City - Requires a well drilling permit from the respective City, not EHS, if site is within the City limits.
- EHS * - Requires a permit from the respective City before the well drilling permit from EHS is issued.
- EHS ** - Requires prior review by the water district before the EHS permit is issued.
- EHS *** - Requires Notification to water district of the EHS permit issuance.
- PTO by EHS – Installed wells require a permit-to-operate (PTO) from EHS before being used for drinking water.