Drinking Water Supply Types

Type 1
Community Public Water Supply

- Provides water to at least 25 residents or 15 living units year-round.
- Some examples are municipalities (cities, towns, etc.), apartments, nursing homes, manufactured housing communities, subdivision developments and condominiums.
- The water is pumped from surface water (lakes, rivers) or groundwater using water wells.

Type 2
Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Supply

- Provides water to at least 25 of the same people for at least six months or more a year, but not for year-round residential living.
- Some examples are schools, daycares and office buildings that have their own water system.
- Water is typically pumped from groundwater using water wells.

Type 2
Transient Non-Community Public Water Supply

- Provides water to at least 25 people for at least 60 days a year but does not serve the same 25 people for more than six months of the year.
- Some examples are hotels, restaurants, campgrounds, gas stations and churches.
- Water is typically pumped from groundwater using water wells.

Type 3
Public Water Supply

- All other public water supplies that provide drinking water not considered a Type 1 or Type 2 are considered a Type 3.
- Some examples are small apartment complexes, very small businesses, or commercial or industrial condominiums such as storage units with limited water usage.
- Water is pumped from groundwater using water wells.

Private Residential Well

- Provides water to a single-family residential home located on a parcel of land, on a lot in a subdivision or in a unit in a condominium.

Type 1 Community Public Water Supply

Type 2 Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Supply

Type 2 Transient Non-Community Public Water Supply

Type 3 Public Water Supply

Private Residential Well

Disclaimer: This document provides some examples of different types of drinking water supplies but does not include all. All Public Water Supplies are classified by either the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) or the local health departments. EGLE and the local health departments consider many different factors when determining the classification of a water supply. To learn more visit: Eh.Michigan.gov/EGLE-TypesPWS.

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