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WHAT IS A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM?



A public water system is defined as “a system for the provision of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyance that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily for at least 60 days out of the year.”

- A Community water system is a public water system that serves at least 15 service connections used by yearlong residents OR regularly serves at least 25 yearlong residents of the area served by the system.
- A Non-Transient Non-Community water system is a public water system that is not a community water system that regularly serves at least 25 of the same persons during six months of the year.
- A Transient Non-Community water system is a public water system that is not a community water system that does NOT regularly serve at least 25 of the same persons during six months of the year.
- State small water systems are not public water systems but are permitted by this program for the provision of piped water to the public for human consumption that serves at least five, but not more than 14, service connections and does not regularly serve drinking water to more than an average of 25 individuals daily for more than 60 days out of the year.