

# Connecting to SaskWater's Rural Water Supply System

## Introduction

SaskWater currently has five major water supply systems located throughout the province that provide both potable and non-potable water to rural customers. Potable water is water that is suitable for human consumption in accordance with applicable regulations. Alternately, non-potable water is water that is not suitable for human consumption in accordance with applicable regulations.

SaskWater owns and operates water supply systems in the following areas:

1. Saskatoon
2. Buffalo Pound
3. Regina East (White City)
4. Wakaw-Humboldt\*\*
5. Codette Lake (Melfort)\*\*

Maps of the SaskWater systems can be seen on pages 7 and 8 of this document.

This document provides some background information on connections to SaskWater's systems in the **Saskatoon, Buffalo Pound** and **Regina East** service areas.

## Large Volume Supply Requests

Municipalities, larger businesses and water groups seeking a large volume supply in these rural service areas or at any other Saskatchewan location should contact SaskWater directly for details on connecting to SaskWater systems.

## Notice to Readers

The following information is a summary of the general terms and conditions under which SaskWater will typically supply water to rural customers and do not form part of the water supply agreement. Customers should review their water supply agreement prior to acceptance for the binding terms, conditions and representations. The provision of service and the rates may be subject to system capacity or other considerations.

### **Notes:**

**Please note that until further notice, SaskWater will not be approving any new small volume non-potable system connections that will or may be used for household consumptive purposes.**

**\*\*Wakaw – Humboldt and Melfort Service Area Connections:** Individuals or businesses seeking a small volume connection in the Wakaw-Humboldt or the Melfort area must contact the local pipeline associations for water services. Please see page 8 for contact information.

## **PRESSURE AND STORAGE**

SaskWater supply systems are designed to provide a constant, low pressure supply of water to rural customers located in the service areas. Unlike municipal distribution systems, these rural pipelines are not looped and temporary disruptions in service are more likely as various sections of the line cannot be isolated to perform any service activity. As a result, SaskWater may be required to initiate a complete system shutdown to construct, replace, repair, maintain or inspect its water supply facilities. Depending on the type and duration of the service activity being performed, the customer may experience supply pressure fluctuations and/or a temporary supply interruption. Therefore, rural customers connected to SaskWater systems are required to have local storage and pressure systems to mitigate the effects of these potential supply disruptions.



## **WHAT THE CUSTOMER NEEDS TO DO**

1. The Customer will need to estimate their expected average daily water consumption to determine the required rate of flow for the connection. Single family dwellings typically are allocated a contracted flow of 0.5 igpm (imperial gallons per minute) which provides 3.273 m<sup>3</sup> of water per day. Higher flows can be requested in 0.5 igpm increments for agricultural/industrial use or for organized group connections.
2. The Customer must submit a completed application form to SaskWater requesting the installation of a new connection to the SaskWater mainline. This application will be reviewed and approved based on the determination of a suitable location for the connecting facilities and available system capacity.
3. Once the application is approved and a suitable location for the connection facility is determined, the customer will be issued a water supply agreement. Once the agreement is reviewed and signed by the customer and returned to SaskWater with the associated payment, construction of the connecting facilities can be scheduled.
4. The customer will be responsible for the construction of the pipeline from the connecting facility at SaskWater's pipeline to the Customer's property, as well as obtaining all associated permits and easements required for the pipeline. SaskWater will install a customer owned valve at the connecting facility which will allow the customer to control the water supply into the customer owned pipeline. Future maintenance and repairs of the Customer's pipeline will be the responsibility of the Customer.
5. The Customer is required to install water storage of sufficient capacity to contain a two-day supply of water, as well as an independent pressure system.
6. Saskatchewan Health is responsible for administering the Saskatchewan Plumbing and Drainage Regulations. The Customer is required to contact their Regional Health Authority regarding the plumbing regulations and a permit must be obtained by the Customer prior to connecting to any water system.

## WHAT SASKWATER WILL DO

1. Once payment for the connecting facility is received by SaskWater, construction will be scheduled. Connecting facilities will be installed between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. Connections performed outside of this period may be approved and may be subject to additional charges.



2. SaskWater will meter the water at the predetermined Point of Delivery adjacent to the SaskWater pipeline and will invoice the customer for water consumed. All Customers are invoiced on a monthly basis.

3. SaskWater will use reasonable efforts to minimize any service disruptions and provide advance notice to the customer of any service activities that will affect service to the customer.

## **WATER QUALITY**

1. SaskWater will ensure that all potable water supplies are suitable for human consumption and will be in accordance with any applicable federal and provincial regulations.
2. SaskWater will not make any representations as to the quality of its non-potable supplies and accordingly does not warrant that it is suitable for household, hygienic or consumptive use for humans, livestock and/or irrigation purposes. The customer shall be solely responsible for taking the necessary steps to prevent any adverse effects on humans or livestock potentially caused through the use of the water.

### **Notes:**

**Please note that until further notice, SaskWater will not be approving any new small volume non-potable system connections that will or may be used for household consumptive purposes.**

## **RATES AND CHARGES**

The Customer will be required to pay SaskWater any or all of the following charges specified in the following Rates and Charges Table, plus any applicable taxes prior to the commencement of installation of any connecting facilities.

*(Please note that the following fee structure **does not** apply to customers wishing to connect to the Wakaw/Humboldt and Melfort area systems, where local pipeline associations provide additional connection services. For further details regarding the service availability, rates and charges for the pipeline associations in these areas, please contact the appropriate pipeline association as listed on page 8 of this document)*

### **Point of Delivery Connection Charge**

An initial charge for the installation of the connecting facility is required and the standard connecting facility charge is listed on the following page. Please note that the connection fee may be subject to additional charges when multiple users are supplied from one connection or the connecting facility needs to be installed more than three meters from the SaskWater mainline.

### **Capital Infrastructure Charge**

Any charges associated with the construction of any additional infrastructure prior to the connecting facility which the customer(s) may be required to pay. This charge may be solely attributable to establishing the customer's connection facility, or it may be a portion of shared infrastructure which is allocated to numerous customers on a pro-rata basis.

I.e. Some SaskWater systems require a relatively high capital infrastructure cost to serve a relatively low number of subscribers, therefore, connections along certain sections of these systems may be subject to an additional one time capital charge at the time of connection.

### **Other Charges**

Charges associated with, but not limited to, any easement or permit charges paid by SaskWater to facilitate the construction of any of the infrastructure mentioned above.

## **RATES AND CHARGES (continued)**

Upon commencement of service the Customer will be invoiced by SaskWater for the following charges, plus any applicable taxes.

### **Facilities Maintenance Charge**

The Customer shall pay to SaskWater a Facilities Maintenance Fee for the repairs to, maintenance of, and anticipated replacement costs of SaskWater's infrastructure mentioned above.

### **Water Supply Rates and Charges**

The Customer will be required to pay SaskWater the Water Supply Rate for the volume of Water supplied or the Minimum Purchase Requirement, whichever is greater, as calculated monthly, beginning on the Commencement Date. In the event the Commencement Date does not correspond to the first day of a month, the first billing period shall be calculated from the Commencement Date to SaskWater's first business day of the next month.

### **Current Standard Connection Fees for 2015:**

1. Connections to SaskWater Mainlines – Effective May 1, 2015 - \$ 13,734.00 plus G.S.T.
2. Operation & Maintenance Fee (Manhole Fee) is \$25.00 per month for each physical connection to the SaskWater mainline. (Example – a group with three members connected to SaskWater through one manhole would pay a total of \$25.00 per month for the group.)
3. Minimum Charge – Rates may be subject to minimum purchase requirement. Please contact SaskWater for minimum charge applicable to your water service.
4. Consumption Charges- rate per service area. Please contact SaskWater for rates in your area.

All charges are reviewed annually and subject to adjustment once each calendar year.

**NOTE:** This summary has been provided for informational purposes only and shall not form part of any subsequent Water Supply Agreement. Customers should review their Water Supply Agreement for the binding terms, conditions and representations.

## **ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

**For further information or to request an application form please contact:**

SaskWater, Customer Services  
200-111 Fairford Street East  
MOOSE JAW SK S6H 1C8  
Toll Free: 1-888-230-1111  
[customerservice@saskwater.com](mailto:customerservice@saskwater.com)

## **Saskatchewan Health Districts**

### **Saskatoon Area Systems, Wakaw-Humboldt Area System**

Saskatoon Regional Health Authority  
Ph: (306) 655-3300  
Fax: (306) 655-3394  
Email: [general.inquiries@saskatoonhealthregion.ca](mailto:general.inquiries@saskatoonhealthregion.ca)

### **Buffalo Pound Area Systems, Regina Area System**

Regina Qu'Appelle Health Authority  
Ph: 1-888-354-8111  
(306) 766-5279  
Fax: (306) 766-5222  
Email: [publicaffairs@rqhealth.ca](mailto:publicaffairs@rqhealth.ca)

### **Codette Lake (Melfort) Area System**

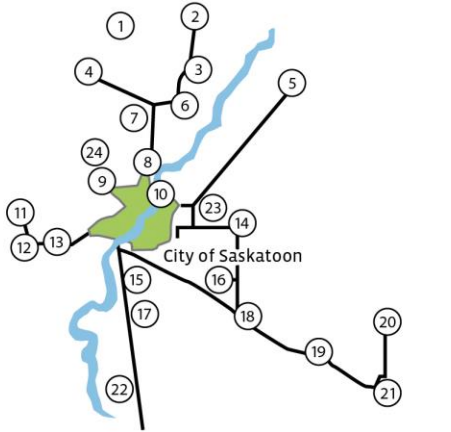
Kelsey Trail Regional Health Authority  
Ph: (306) 873-3100  
Fax: (306) 873-3224  
Email: [ddobson.kthr@shin.sk.ca](mailto:ddobson.kthr@shin.sk.ca)

# SaskWater Rural Water Service Areas:

For connections to rural systems in these areas please contact SaskWater.

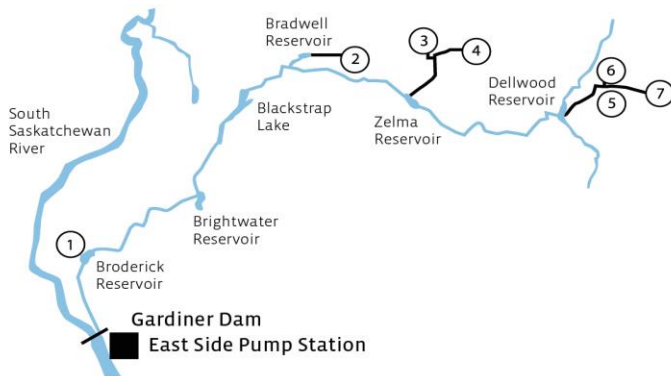
## Saskatoon Area Systems:

### Saskatoon Area: Potable Water Supply System



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| 1. Hepburn        | 9. BizHub Developments Ltd.        | 17. Casa Rio/Wood Meadow           |
| 2. Hague          | 10. Akzo Chemicals                 | 18. Clavet                         |
| 3. Osler          | 11. Perkins Ag Marketing Inc.      | 19. Bradwell                       |
| 4. Dalmeny        | 12. Prairie Pride Chick Sales Ltd. | 20. Elstow                         |
| 5. Aberdeen       | 13. Chemtrade West                 | 21. Allan                          |
| 6. Warman         | 14. Sunset Estates                 | 22. Dundurn Rural Water Utility    |
| 7. Martensville   | 15. Grasswood                      | 23. Highway 41 Rural Water Utility |
| 8. ERCO Worldwide | 16. Cargill Ltd.                   | 24. Yellowhead Industrial Park     |

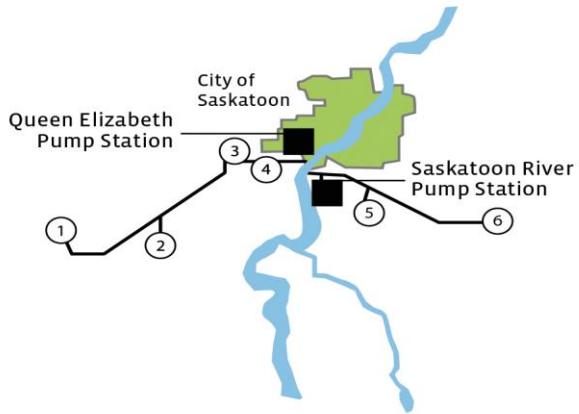
### Saskatoon Southeast: Non-Potable Water Supply System



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| 1. Broderick                  | 5. PCS Lanigan |
| 2. PCS Allan                  | 6. Guernsey    |
| 3. Mosaic Potash Colonsay ULC | 7. Lanigan     |
| 4. Viscount                   |                |

## Saskatoon Area Systems (Cont'd):

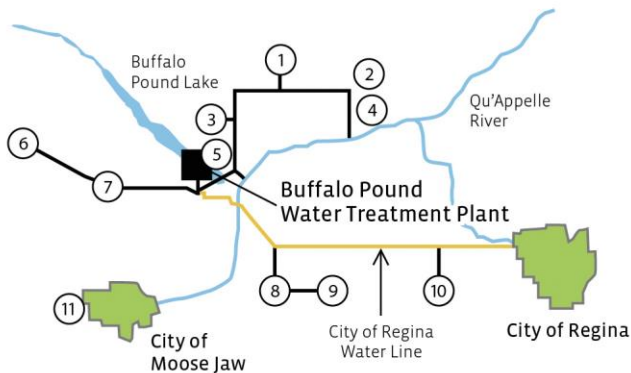
### Saskatoon Area: Non-Potable Water Supply System



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| 1. Agrium Potash           | 5. Golf Courses<br>(WGCC/SGCC/Greenbryre) |
| 2. Vanscoy                 | 6. Cargill                                |
| 3. PCS Cory and Cory Cogen |   |
| 4. Cedar Villa             |   |

## Buffalo Pound Area Systems:

### Buffalo Pound Area: Potable Water Supply System

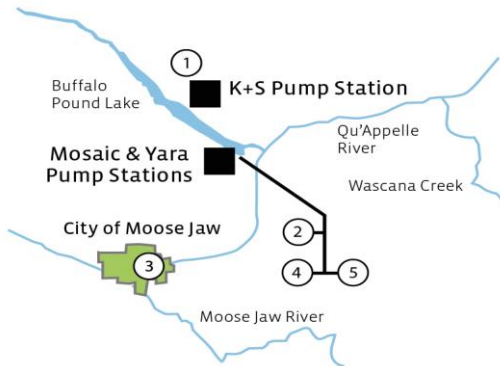


1. Bethune
2. Arm River Farming
3. Buffalo Plains Cattle Company
4. Disley
5. K+S Potash Canada
6. Marquis
7. Tuxford
8. Yara Belle Plaine Inc.
9. K+S Windsor Salt Ltd.
10. Grand Coulee
11. Caron/Mortlach Regional Public Utility Board



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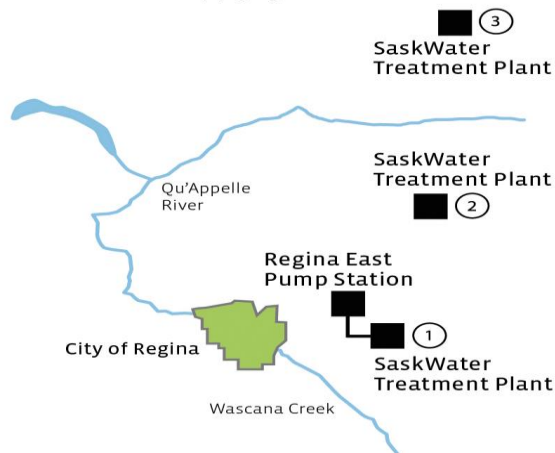
### Buffalo Pound Area: Non-Potable Water Supply System



1. K+S Potash Canada
2. Terra Grain Fuels Inc.
3. Temple Gardens Mineral Spa
4. Yara Belle Plaine Inc.
5. Mosaic Potash Belle Plaine

## Regina Area System:

### Regina East: Potable Water Supply Systems

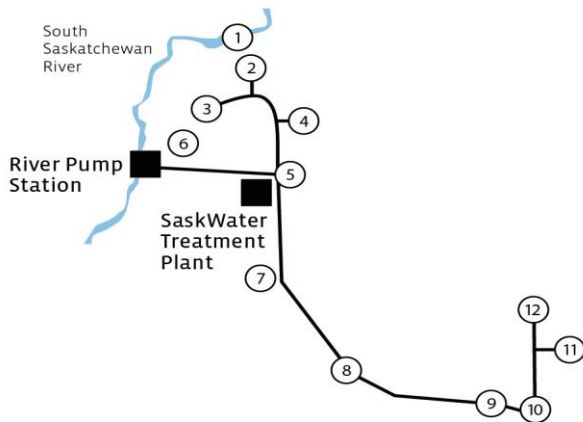


1. White City
2. Edenwold
3. Cupar

**Wakaw-Humboldt Area System:**

For connections to rural systems in this area please contact:

**Wakaw-Humboldt Area:  
Potable Water Supply System**



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| 1. St. Louis               | 7. Cudworth     |
| 2. Hoey                    | 8. Bruno        |
| 3. St. Isidore-de-Bellevue | 9. Humboldt     |
| 4. Domremy                 | 10. Muenster    |
| 5. Wakaw                   | 11. Annaheim    |
| 6. One Arrow First Nation  | 12. Lake Lenore |

**Humboldt to Hoey section:**

North Central Rural Pipeline Association  
Phone: 306-256-3556

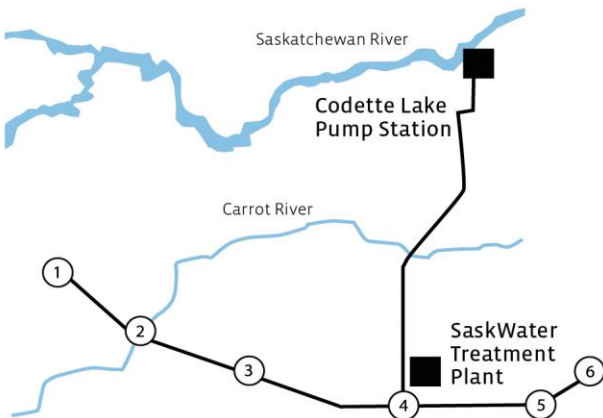
**Humboldt to Lake Lenore section:**

SHL Rural Pipeline Association  
Phone: 306-368-2525

**Codette Lake (Melfort) Area System**

For connections to rural systems in this area please contact:

**Melfort Area:  
Potable Water Supply System**



1. Weldon
2. Kinistino
3. Beatty
4. Melfort
5. Star City
6. Star City Farming

**Melfort Rural Pipeline Association**

Phone: 306-752-2817