



### What is Regulation 84: Reclaimed Water Control?

Regulation 84 outlines the requirements for treating, distributing, and using reclaimed water in Colorado. The regulation sets water quality standards, practices, and other safety measures to protect the public and the environment while encouraging reclaimed water use.

Reclaimed water is wastewater from homes and businesses that has been treated to meet water quality standards for specific authorized uses, such as industrial activities, landscape irrigation, commercial purposes, fire protection, agricultural irrigation, and flushing toilets and urinals. Reclaimed water under Regulation 84 is not used for drinking water in Colorado, and it is not the same as untreated sewage or graywater.

The Water Quality Control Division regulates the use of reclaimed water in Colorado. Using reclaimed water for any purpose that is not authorized in the regulation is not allowed and considered a violation.

### Background

The [Water Quality Control Commission](#) held a [Triennial Review Informational Hearing](#) on May 12, 2025, and determined that a rulemaking hearing will be scheduled for April 2026. The division began hosting monthly meetings beginning in July 2025 to solicit feedback from stakeholders.

### Stakeholder process

In July 2025, the division began a stakeholder engagement process to gather feedback from stakeholders and develop a proposal for changes to Regulation 84. The division will continue to hold monthly stakeholder meetings through early 2026. When stakeholder meetings are complete, the division may submit a proposal to the commission for its consideration during a rulemaking hearing in April 2026.

Stakeholder discussion topics:

- Whether Regulation 84 should allow entities to use reclaimed water for snowmaking.
- Evaluate existing and potential new water quality standards and practices to ensure environmental protection and public health.
- Revise existing language for clarity.
- Implement storage requirements for certain categories of reclaimed water.
- How often treatment facilities report to the division.

To learn more about the stakeholder process, visit the [Regulation 84 stakeholder engagement webpage](#) and [sign up for email notifications](#).

### Questions?

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