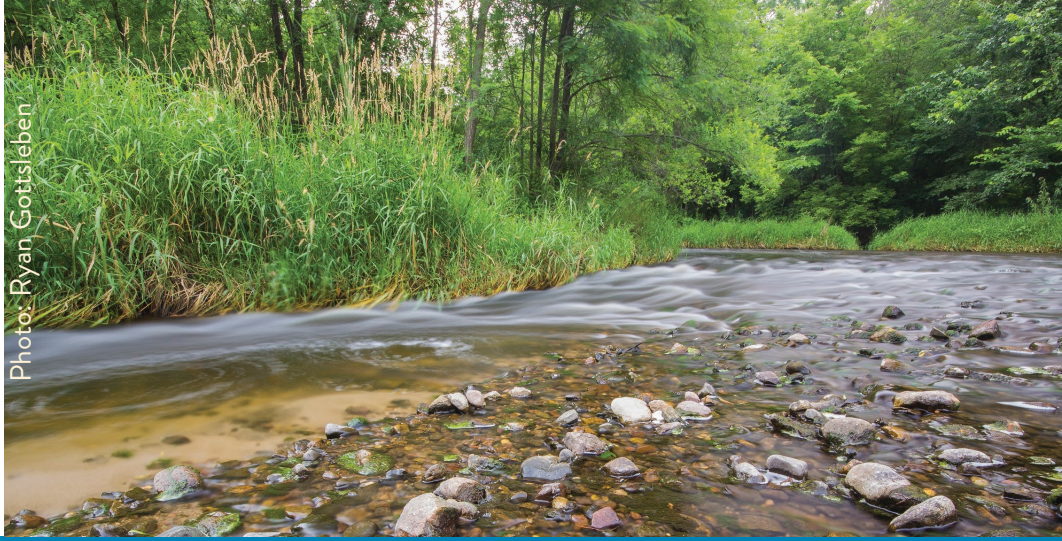




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This guide references rule

9.0

Appropriation of Public Surface Water

Importance:

Water is essential for economic activities, recreation, property values, and life itself. Having the water supply for all our needs is important!

What is water appropriation?

- Water appropriation means taking water for certain uses. In this case, for nonessential uses.

When does this rule apply?

- Your use will take:
 1. Up to 10,000 gallons of water per day for nonessential use
 2. Up to 1,000,000 gallons of water per year for nonessential useAND the water will come from either:
 - A public water basin or wetland within NMCWD that is less than 500 square acres in surface size
 - A protected watercourse that has a drainage area of less than 50 square miles.

Larger appropriations may require a permit from [Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources](#)

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What is required of my project?

- Taking water as permitted must not lower the water level in the basin or watercourse where it would deprive the public, and riparian property owners (next to water), of reasonable use of the water. This includes access to the water.
- The water appropriation must:
 - › Be reasonable and practical with regard to alternative sources of water or methods available. This includes the use of water appropriated during high flows and levels and stored for later use, and the use of groundwater.
 - › Include the utilization of water storage and reuse, and conservation practices
 - › Be subject to restriction, at any time, to meet instream flow needs or protect basin water levels.

Exhibits to include with permit application for Rule 9.0:



CHECKLIST:

- Written evidence of the applicant's ability to use the land next to the water source from which water will be taken
- Documentation with the following:
 - Purpose of the requested water
 - Source of water
 - Amount of water to be taken on a maximum daily, monthly and annual basis
 - Means, methods, and techniques of taking water
 - Proposed pumping schedule, including rates, times and duration
 - Alternative sources of water considered and reasons why the alternative proposed was selected
 - Analysis of the hydraulic and hydrological effect of the proposed appropriation on levels and flows and anticipated impacts (if any) on instream flow or lake level conditions
 - Information on any water storage facilities and capabilities and any proposed reuse and conservation practices
 - A contingency plan or an agreement to accept stop taking water in the event of restrictions
 - When taking water from a basin, proof that the applicant has notified all riparian (next to water) landowners of the proposed appropriation and:
 - Signed statements from as many riparian landowners as the applicant is able to obtain stating support of the proposed appropriation
 - The number of signatures of riparian landowners the applicant is unable to obtain

How should I present exhibits to the District?

Email electronic application and exhibits to permitting@ninemilecreek.org

