

# Public Health Laws & Agencies

## WATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT

- Regulates surface water connections
- Applies to water use on agricultural, industrial, commercial, and “non-domestic” residential (eg. multi-unit housing) lands
- Ministry of Water, Lands, Resource Stewardship



## DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT

- Applies to “domestic” residential land (ie. wells which supply a single home)
- Ensures potable water sources are setback from contamination risks
- Vancouver Island Health Authority
- Ministry of Health



## SEWERAGE REGULATION

- Oversees on-site septic systems
- Oversees community sewer treatment and disposal
- Implications for new subdivisions (systems must maintain a safe distance from drinking water source)



## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: PUBLIC AGENCIES

- oversee waste transfer stations, public curb side collection agreements, and recycle depots



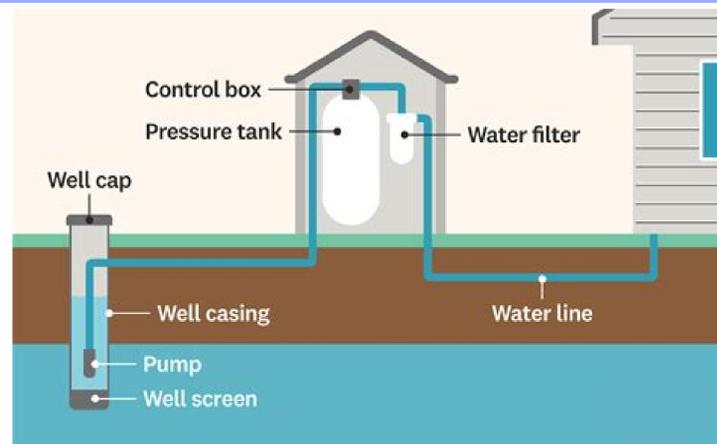
## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: PRIVATE COLLECTORS

- supply dumpsters and collect commercial and other non-residential waste for a fee
- residential curbside pick-up for a fee

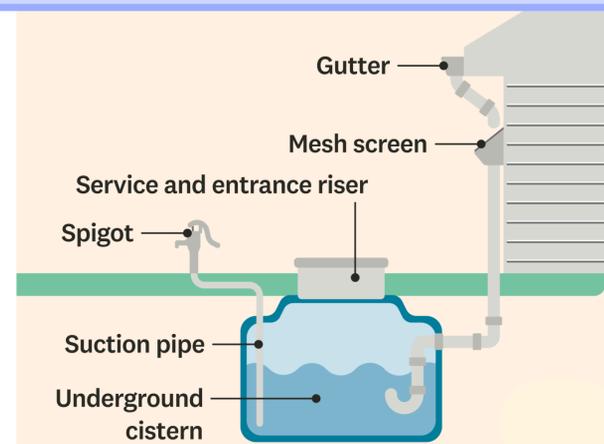


# Ways to Supply Water to a Property

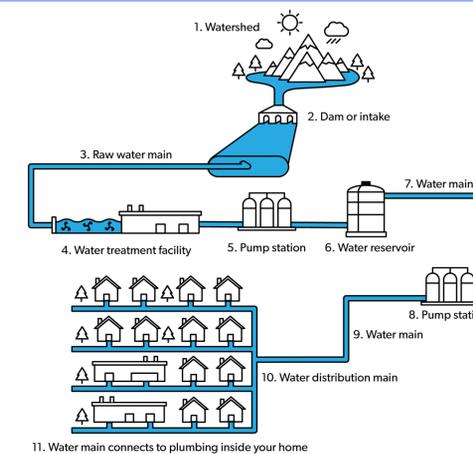
## Drilled Well (ground water)



## Cistern/ Water Hauling (off-site source, often includes rain capture)



## Community Water System (ground water or surface water)



## Shared Water Agreements (supplied by neighbours)



## Surface Water Rights (drawing from lakes or streams)

