

How to get a copy of your water well permit and adjudicate your well

If you have misplaced the copy of your water well permit which was given to you when you purchased property on Floyd Hill (a.k.a. Hyland Hills), this is public information. On your computer go to the web site: www.water.state.co.us and pick the tab for “well permit search”. You can search by name, by address, or by the coordinates of your well location. Your well permit will tell you the date permit was issued, the date the well was constructed, and the dates of any ownership changes. It will also tell the name of the driller and the depth of the original well. If your well has been deepened, the date of the redrilling and the new depth will be indicated. All wells in Hyland Hills are not located on an aquifer, but are furnished by rain or runoff water filtering through cracks in rock.

Adjudication is the judicial process through which the existence of a Colorado water right is confirmed by court decree. Each adjudicated well is given a number coinciding with the well’s owner’s claim for adjudication. If water flow diminishes the right to water is based on the lowest number assigned by the Colorado Water Court. Floyd Hill (a.k.a. Hyland Hills) is located in Colorado Water Division 1 located at 901 9th Avenue Greeley, CO 80632. Adjudication is useful if the source of water in an area starts to decline or be depleted. To adjudicate your water well:

1. Go to www.water.state.co.us and print the instructions JDF 295W.
2. Print form JDF 298W.
3. Complete the form (include proof of well flow rate) and mail it to Colorado Water Division 1 at P.O. Box 2038 Greeley, CO 80632.
4. Enclose a check for \$182.00 made out to the “Clerk of the Combined Court”.
5. The Water Court will run an ad in the Clear Creek *Courant* asking for any objections to your adjudication and send you the ad bill.
6. Once proof of publication in the *Courant* is sent to Division 1, Lexis/Nexis in Oregon will summarize any complications received.
7. If no one contests your adjudication, you may get notification from the Water Division of your adjudication number in 6 months.
8. If your right to adjudication is contested, adjudication may take 18 months.
9. Adjudication rights to a well on a property is not necessarily sold with the property.
10. If you have questions to this process, contact the Division’s Engineer’s Office at: 970-352-8712.