

CANAL INFORMATION

Jefferson County Planning, Zoning & Building Department realizes that issues concerning canals and irrigation ditches can be confusing. We are aware that there are numerous canals and ditches within Jefferson County. Canals and ditches on your property have an effect on where you can build on the property.

Setback information for canals can be found in the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 112. You may find this document on our [website](#).

The canal companies are private entities and they are not part of the Jefferson County Government Entity.

We understand that locating information concerning canal companies and ditches can be confusing. We recommend you can contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) regarding canals. Their website is: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/>

The below listed information is from IDWR Website:

The IDWR has a publication which lists Idaho Statutes Pertaining to Canals and Laterals. You can find this on their website: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/districts/2018-Canals-Laterals-Statutes.pdf>. This document is an excellent resource on laws for canals and laterals which have an effect on your property.

The IDWR website states: **IDWR does not maintain a complete list of irrigation organization contacts.** If the contact information that you need is not listed, try the following options.

Check the [Active Organizations](#) tab for a website link. Research the organization's [water rights](#).

Try an online search.

Use the [Idaho Secretary of State Business entity search](#).

Review the Bureau of Reclamation Water Users Roster.