

Mandatory distances for sale businesses during pesticide storage

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Protection targets	Storage
	Pesticides of Classes 1 to 3
Lakes Watercourses Wetlands	30 m
Categories 1 and 2 and bottled water withdrawal sites	100 m
Category 3 water withdrawal sites	30 m
Other water withdrawal sites	30 m

Note: Operators of a storage site holding an Agrichemical Warehousing Standards Association (AWSA) certificate of compliance issued prior to April 3, 2003 are exempted from the certified storage site requirements set out in the table.

DEFINITIONS

Watercourse (defined in the *Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas*)

Any mass of water running along a bed in a regular or intermittent flow, including a bed created or altered by human intervention, the St. Lawrence River, the estuary of the St. Lawrence River, the Gulf of St. Lawrence and all the seas surrounding Québec, excluding a ditch.

The relative distance to e watercourse is measured horizontally from the boundary of the littoral zone. The “littoral zone” means the part of a lake or watercourse that extends from the boundary separating the littoral zone from the lakeshore or riverbank towards the centre of the body of water. If there is an embankment, the distance must include a width of at least 1 m from the top of the embankment.

Water withdrawal sites (defined in the *Water Withdrawal and Protection Regulation*)

- **Category 1:** water withdrawals carried out for a municipal waterworks system supplying more than 500 persons and at least one residence
- **Category 2:** water withdrawals carried out to supply a municipal waterworks system supplying between 21 and 500 persons and at least one residence; any other waterworks system supplying 21 or more persons and at least one residence; a system, independent from a waterworks system, supplying at least 21 or more persons at one or more educational institutions, one or more detention facilities, or one or more health and social services institutions within the meaning of the *Regulation respecting the quality of drinking water*
- **Category 3:** water withdrawals carried out to supply a system, independent from a waterworks system, supplying only one or more food processing establishments; a system, independent from a waterworks system supplying only one or more enterprises, one or more tourist establishments or one or more seasonal tourist establishments within the meaning of the *Regulation respecting the quality of drinking water*; any other system supplying 20 persons or fewer.
- **Other groundwater withdrawal sites:** all other sites of water withdrawal not intended for human consumption, food processing or bottled water purposes

Wetland (defined in the *Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas*)

Area characterized in particular by hydromorphic soils or vegetation dominated by hygrophilous species, such as a pond, marsh, swamp or peatland. A reference to a “wetland” excludes a peat bog being harvested.

The relative distance to e wetland is measured horizontally from the boundary. The “boundary” means a line marking the limit of a wetland and corresponding to the point at which the soil ceases to be hydromorphic and the vegetation ceases to be dominated by hygrophilous species, in relation to the area where at least one of those conditions does apply. If there is an embankment, the distance must include a width of at least 1 m from the top of the embankment.

For more information, see the [Pesticides Management Code reference guide \(French\)](#).