

WHAT IS WATER STEWARDSHIP AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Water stewardship is the use of water that is socially equitable, environmentally sustainable and economically beneficial, achieved through a stakeholder-inclusive process that involves site and watershed-based actions. Good water stewards understand their own water use, watershed context and shared risk in terms of water governance, water balance, water quality and important water-related areas. They then engage in meaningful individual and collective actions that benefit people and nature.

Organizations that engage in comprehensive water stewardship programs manage water better, mitigate water-related risks at their site and within supply chains more effectively, and build better community relations through shared watershed governance. If you do not know how much water you use, where you source your water, or how water risks may impact your site or product lines and service delivery, you may face unforeseen supply chain disruptions or increased cost of operation. What you do at your site can have an impact on others in the watershed. Conversely, conditions in the watershed can impact your operations.

AWS North America can help get you started on your water stewardship journey today. After you have explored the concept of corporate water stewardship and the information below, we suggest that you review the [AWS Standard](#).

Information about water stewardship and how to get started understanding the importance of addressing water-related issues:

- [AWS International](#)
- [WWF Corporate Water Stewardship](#)
- [Pacific Institute Corporate Water Stewardship](#)
- [CEO Water Mandate](#)

Basic tools to start identifying water-related risks and how water is material to your organization:

- [WRI Aqueduct™](#)
- [GEMI® Local Water Tool™](#)
- [WWF Water Risk Filter](#)
- [CEO Water Mandate Water Stewardship Toolbox](#)
- [Water Risk Monetizer](#)