

Properly constructed private water supply systems require little routine maintenance. These simple steps will help protect your system and investment.



- Always use a licensed or certified water well driller and pump installer when a well is constructed, a pump is installed or the system is serviced.
- An annual well maintenance check, including a water test for bacteria, is recommended. Any source of drinking water should be checked any time there is a change in taste, odor or appearance, or anytime a water supply system is serviced.
- Keep hazardous chemicals, such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides, and motor oil, far away from your well.
- Periodically check the well cover or well cap on top of the casing to ensure it is in good repair.
- Always maintain proper separation between your well and buildings, waste systems or chemical storage facilities. Your water well professional knows the rules.
- Take care in working or mowing around your well. A damaged casing could jeopardize the sanitary protection of your well. Don't pile snow, leaves, or other materials around your well.
- Keep your well records in a safe place. These include the well log completed at the time of construction, as well as annual water well system maintenance and water testing results.
- When your well has come to the end of its serviceable life (usually more than 20 years), have your qualified water well contractor properly decommission your well after constructing your new system.

***The wellcare ® Hotline: Answering Your Questions about Wells***

*If you have a question about wells or need help, contact the **wellcare®** Hotline Monday through Friday at 888-395-1033, or visit [www.wellcarehotline.org](http://www.wellcarehotline.org) at any time for information on:*



- *Well construction codes and other regulations related to wells or water well systems*
- *Well care and maintenance*
- *Water testing*
- *Water quality*
- *Identifying potential contaminants*
- *Avoiding seasonal threats*
- *Understanding well mechanics*
- *Learning well basics*
- *Well components*
- *Water conservation*
- *Finding a licensed well contractor...and much more!*





More than 42 million people in the U.S. rely on private wells to supply drinking water for their families. These wells tap into groundwater supplies stored beneath the earth's surface.

If you have a private water well, learn more about how you can ensure it will provide safe drinking water for years to come by joining Water Systems Council's **wellcare® Well Owners Network**.

The **wellcare® Well Owners Network** is a new resource for well owners. As a member of the network, you will have easy access to information that is critical to maintaining a safe supply of drinking water for you and your family.

Join the network today! Call 1-888-395-1033 or visit  
[www.watersystemscouncil.org](http://www.watersystemscouncil.org).

**wellcare® Well Owners Network** Members enjoy...

- Access to information and tools to help you better understand your drinking water source
- A quarterly e-newsletter with information on wells, well water and practical tips for protecting the nation's groundwater resources
- Annual reminders to test your well water
- Opportunities for discount well water test kits

The **wellcare® Well Owners Network** is part of WSC's **wellcare®** Program, a national program that offers a free hotline for answers to questions about wells, well water and source water protection. The **wellcare®** program also offers workshops and publishes information sheets on well maintenance, well water testing and groundwater quality. It issues reports on national data related to the number of wells, water usage, groundwater resources, water rights, and related subjects.

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