

## Tips for Your Clients

Properly constructed private water wells require little routine maintenance. These simple steps will help protect your investment and ensure good water quality:

- ✓ Always use a licensed well contractor when a well is constructed or serviced.
- ✓ An annual well maintenance check, including a water test for a minimum of bacteria, is recommended. Any source of drinking water should be checked any time there is a change in taste, odor or appearance, anytime a water supply system is serviced, or if someone in the home is pregnant/nursing or is ill.
- ✓ Keep hazardous chemicals, such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides, and motor oil far away from your well and dispose of them properly.
- ✓ Periodically check the wellhead and cap to ensure it is in good condition and no cracks/holes are present.
- ✓ Always maintain proper separation between your well and buildings, waste systems or chemical storage facilities.
- ✓ Take care when mowing or shoveling snow from around your well. A damaged casing could jeopardize the sanitary protection of your well. Do not 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 any system maintenance and annual water test results.
- ✓ When your well has come to the end of its serviceable life (usually more than 30 years), have your licensed water well contractor properly close your well after constructing your new well system.



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