Dear Well Owners Network Member,

Summer is here! Which is fantastic, BUT summer also brings hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, drought, and the list goes on. This newsletter will help you prepare your water well for any storms or natural disasters thrown your way. Plus, we'll go over buying and selling a home with a well and shared wells. Don't forget to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for extra tips, news, and more! As always, if you have questions on any of these topics, the wellcare® Hotline can help. Contact the wellcare® Hotline at 888-395-1033 or wellcarehotline.org.

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Emergencies and disasters do not discriminate and can occur at any time or place. Storm warnings and watches are reported, but it is essential for you and your family to be ready before a storm.
purchasing a home without a thorough inspection of the structure and its operating systems. The same care must be taken to inspect the property's well system and the quality of its drinking water.

A recent water quality test is usually required by home mortgage companies before a buyer can close on a property. But water quality is only one concern. You also need to inspect the mechanical workings of the well system, such as the pump and the condition of the wellhead...

For additional information on Buying a Home with a Well view our brochure on this topic.

For Real Estate Professionals: Buying or Selling a Home with a Well

For additional reading

Drought is a period of drier than normal conditions that results in water-related problems. A drought can last for months or years, or may be declared after as few as 15 days.

Groundwater, which is found in aquifers below the surface of the earth, is among the nation's most important natural resources. Groundwater provides drinking water to private well owners. Droughts can significantly impact the Nation's groundwater resources while drought is occurring and for some time afterward...continued

U.S. Drought Monitor

Click the map above to view the current conditions in your area.
More than 43 million Americans are served by a private well water system. When it comes to buying or selling these homes, your customers need the best possible information about their drinking water.

Homebuyers must take the same care to inspect the property's well system and the quality of its drinking water as they would inspecting the home. Many mortgage lending institutions, as well as some local governments, require inspections and tests before settlement. Disclosure laws and customary real estate practices also may govern well and drinking water issues...Click to download and read additional information.

For additional information on Buying or Selling Homes with Wells view our brochure on this topic.

**Sharing a Well**

In many rural areas, it is not uncommon to find one or more homeowners sharing a single well. However, buying a home with a shared well and managing a shared system requires diligence on the part of all parties involved.

A legal agreement, also known as a "Shared Well Agreement," is essential, in order to protect your

**QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WELL?**

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**TAKE ACTION TODAY!**

**Water Conservation TIPS**

Moderate to severe drought conditions are a fact of life. Many areas face serious regional water shortages because water is being used faster than it can be replenished naturally.

Water conservation can help well owners secure their drinking water supply, save money, and protect the environment. Don't wait until a prolonged drought creates a water emergency. Consider measures today to preserve your water supply far into the future...read more

Additional resources and tips:  
100 Ways To Conserve Water  
Tips and Facts on Conserving Water  
Water Recycling and Reuse  
Water Conservation Calculator
access to the water supply and to spell out the costs and responsibilities involved in maintaining the system... continue reading about shared wells.

Previous newsletters with additional tips can be found on our website.

WSC has over 90 different wellcare® information sheets that can help you and your family learn more about managing a water well and protecting your water supply. Visit our website or contact the wellcare® Hotline at 888-395-1033.