



## YOUR SUMMER WATER WELL NEWS

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### 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](http://www.wellcarehotline.org).

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Most homebuyers would never consider



**READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!**

## ***Emergencies & Disasters and Wells***

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

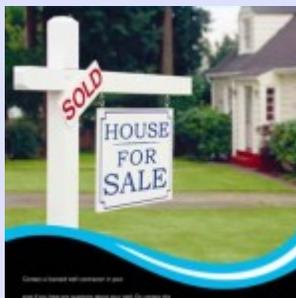
purchasing a home without a thorough inspection of the structure and its operating systems. The same care must be taken to inspect the property's well system and the quality of its drinking water.

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...

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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**



approaches. [Prepare your home and family for any type of storm](#) or search [#ItOnlyTakesOne](#).

Natural disasters and emergencies such as flood, fire, hurricanes, tornados, and wind storms affect thousands each year. If you are a private well owner, and a natural disaster has occurred on or near your property, there are some things you need to know about your drinking water supply. [Learn more](#)

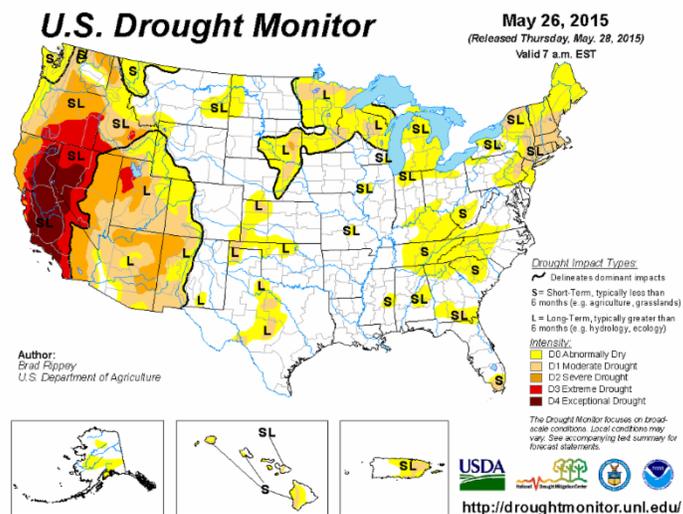
Additional wellcare® information sheets that may be helpful:

[What to Do When the Power Fails](#)  
[Managing a Flooded Well](#)  
[Disinfecting Your Well](#)

## Drought and Your Well

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](#)



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.](#)

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## 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

## 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](#)

## QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WELL?

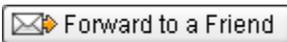


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access to the water supply and to spell out the costs and responsibilities involved in maintaining the system...[continue reading about shared wells](#).

*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.*

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