



Dear Well Owners Network Member:

Don't neglect your water well and septic system when it comes time for Spring cleaning! Protect your investments with annual water testing and maintenance. Keep record of any maintenance performed. Our [Well Owner's Manual](#) includes an area to keep maintenance records. Ask us for your free copy or to send one to your family member, friends, or neighbors with wells!

Our water well experts have gathered together some invaluable tips and resources for you to use in your water well maintenance program. Keep reading!



Testing Your Well Water

Private well owners are solely responsible for testing their water. At a minimum, your water should be tested every year for bacteria, the most common water quality problem. Additional tests may be recommended depending on where you live and what is located near your water well such as arsenic, lead, nitrate, and radon.

You should test more than once a year in special situations:

- someone in the household is pregnant or nursing;
- there are unexplained illnesses in the family;
- you notice a change in water taste, odor, color, or clarity;
- your neighbors find a dangerous contaminant in their water; or
- there is a spill of chemicals or fuels into or near your well.

Our wellcare® Well Water Testing information sheet will walk you through the steps you need to take to ensure your well water is safe. [Click here to download free.](#)

We have provided water testing resources for each U.S. state and Canadian province to assist well owners in those areas obtain lists of certified water testing laboratories. We have also provided lists of licensed well contractors and pump installers for each U.S. state that maintains a list of these professionals. Each list is provided on our website's [interactive map](#).

For additional water well testing recommendations, if you have any questions on water well testing, or if you have any questions once you receive your water well test results, contact the wellcare® Hotline by calling 888-395-1033, [send us an email](#), or chat with us live on our website.

Free Total Coliform Bacteria testing for Well Owners Network Members!

With every order from [Tap Score](#), you will receive a free bacteria testing package along with state-of-the-art water quality analysis, free shipping, and more! Apply the discount code, **FreeColiformTest** on [MyTapScore.com](#). Offer expires May 1, 2018.

Understanding Your Well Water Test Results

Many well owners are stumped when they receive their test results from the laboratory. The often confusing measurements, limits, and standards make it tough to determine if your water is safe or if it needs some type of treatment.

Our free, downloadable info sheet on [Understanding Well Water Test Results](#) can help.

If you still have questions, contact the wellcare® Hotline for assistance at 888-395-1033.



About Water Treatment Devices



It is important to note that well water is a safe, reliable drinking water source for you and your family. Water treatment may not be necessary. Some contaminants may be more of a "cosmetic" issue (odor, discoloration, etc.) and may not present any health risks. Before considering any type of water treatment, you should have your water tested.

If you already have a water treatment system, follow the maintenance schedule provided by your water treatment device manufacturer or water treatment professional to protect the life of your system and ensure that it continues to work properly.

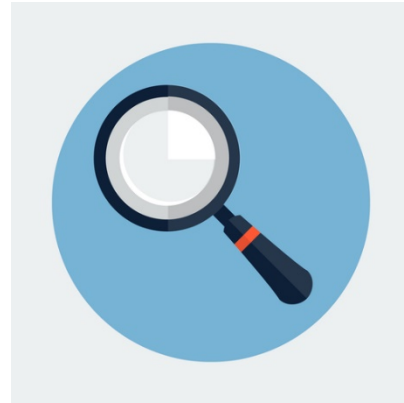
If you need assistance locating a water treatment professional, contact the wellcare® Hotline at 888-395-1033.

Inspecting Your Well System

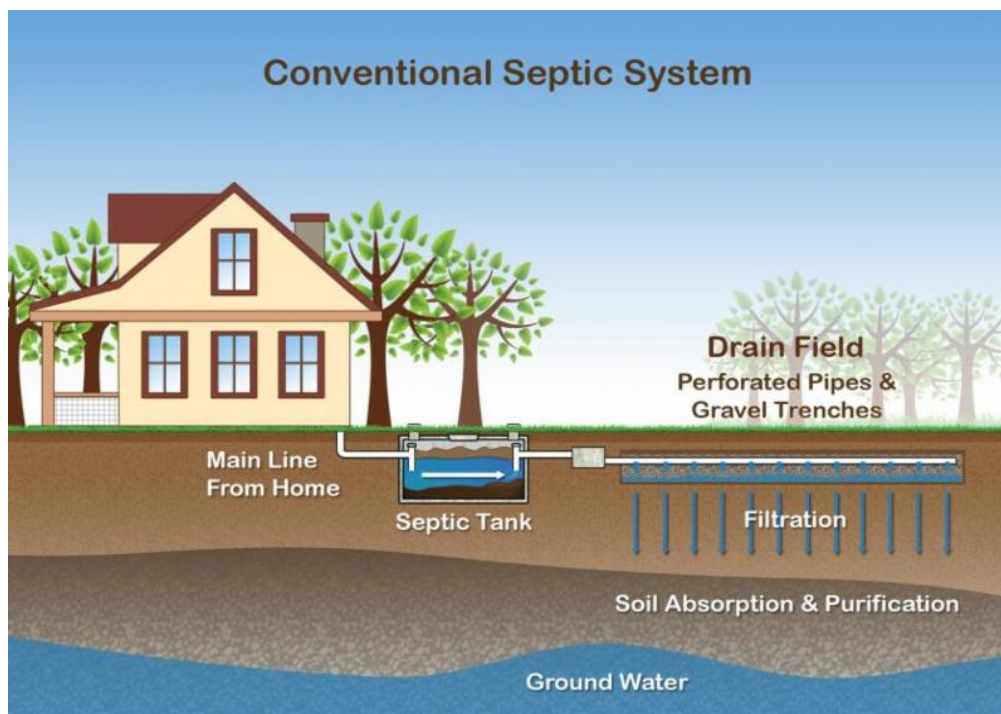
You should visually inspect your wellhead several times a year. Check the condition of the well covering and casing to make sure all are in good repair, leaving no cracks or other entry points for potential contamination.

Have the well system -- including the pump, storage tank, pipes and valves, and water flow -- inspected every 10 years by a licensed well contractor. If you have no inspection record and cannot determine the age of the well, have it inspected immediately by a licensed well contractor.

You can [find a well contractor](#) on our website or call our wellcare® Hotline for recommendations.



Maintaining Your Septic System



Your septic system, just like your water well system, needs a regularly scheduled maintenance program. Create a septic maintenance log and keep it with your well maintenance log. It is recommended to have your septic system inspected by a professional every 1-2 years and to have the septic tank pumped out when needed, generally every 3 to 5 years, depending on the demand placed on it.

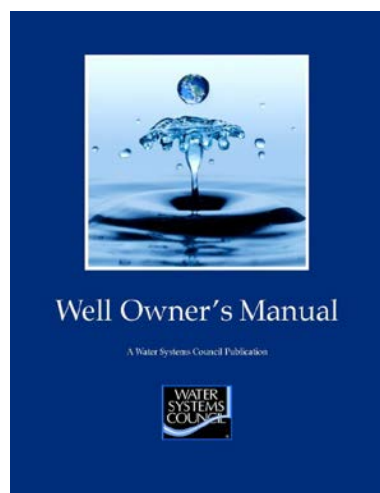
Demand is based upon the number of people in your household, the amount of wastewater generated (based on the number of people in the household and the amount of water used), the volume of solids in the wastewater (e.g., using a garbage disposal will increase the amount of solids), and septic tank size. The use of water conservation devices can also limit the amount of wastewater, and prolong the life of your septic system.

If you need assistance locating a professional, check your local yellow pages or yellowpages.com for Septic Service.

Download our free wellcare® information sheet on [Your Septic System](#).

More Free Resources for WON Members

A Quick Guide for Well Owners: Simple Tips on Caring for Your Water Well: A handy brochure designed for well owners to provide a glance into technical concerns, water testing, well maintenance, and wellhead protection. There is even a place to keep your water well professional's contact information. [Download your free copy.](#)



Well Owner's Manual:

This 32-page manual offers detailed information on well systems, water well maintenance, how to select a well contractor, protecting your wellhead, water well testing and how to understand your test results. There's also a handy checklist so you can stay on top of caring for your well. [Download your free copy.](#)

Coming Soon: Updated Home Inspectors Guide and Real Estate Professional information sheet.

Upcoming Events

National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 11-17, 2018

Pay it forward by letting others know the importance of groundwater and asking them to pass it along. [Learn more about this event.](#)

EPA's 10th Annual Fix a Leak Week, March 19-25, 2018

Leaks can run, but they can't hide! [Learn how to chase those leaks down and save water.](#)



Still Have Questions?

We can help! Call the wellcare Hotline at 888-395-1033, [complete an online form](#), or [chat with us live!](#)

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