



TENNESSEE

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WELLCAREHOTLINE.ORG

2018 FACT SHEET



The **Water Systems Council** is the only national, nonprofit organization with programs solely focused on wells.



WSC provides important information, technical assistance, training and educational activities to ensure safe drinking water for the 43 million-plus Americans who rely on private wells and the millions more who are served by small, shared wells.

The **Water System Council's wellcare® program** is a dedicated program protecting the water supply and groundwater resources for more than 15 million U.S. households dependent on private water wells for their drinking water.

The Water Systems Council's wellcare® program helps well owners maintain their wells and ensures the quality of the water supply. We do this by providing consumers with education and information services, stressing the

importance of proper testing and maintenance, and providing decision makers with useful information about wells.



Individual, domestic wells are cost-effective, dependable safe drinking water systems for approximately **857,301 people**, or at least **244,941 households in Tennessee** (8% of total groundwater use in the state).

WSC's free wellcare® hotline has answered questions from nearly 44,000 well owners and others looking for information or technical assistance related to wells and groundwater.

The wellcare® hotline website -- **wellcarehotline.org** -- has an instant chat feature. Well owners and others looking for information on well care and maintenance or other water well issues can contact us using the chat feature, hotline form, or by calling the hotline number at **888-395-1033**.

FEEDBACK FROM TENNESSEE WELL OWNERS ON WELLCARE® PROGRAM:

“Wonderful, thank you!” - Nicki L.,
Elizabethton, TN well owner

**“Thank you, I appreciate this
very much.”** - Scott S.,
Surgoinsville, TN well owner

**“This is a great service! I
appreciate your help!”** - Gregory E.,
Chattanooga, TN well owner

Every other year, the Water Systems Council works with state and local organizations to host the **Children's Water Festival** for 5th and 6th graders. Tens of thousands of students, teachers and volunteers have had fun while learning valuable information through interactive activities about the importance of water!



Contact us for more information on festivals or to ask WSC to help you plan a festival in Tennessee.

wellcare® Well Owners Network

More than 12,150 well owners have joined the wellcare® Well Owners Network. Members come from every state, including Tennessee.

The **wellcare® Well Owners Network** is **FREE** to join and provides important seasonal information on wells for members through a quarterly e-newsletter. Network members also receive discounts on well water test kits.

To join, visit wellcarehotline.org.



To refer well owners in Tennessee to WSC, to request programs for your constituents, or to get information on all the services WSC provides well owners, contact Margaret Martens, WSC Executive Director, at 202-625-4387.



The Water Well Trust (WWT) is a 501(c)3 organization created by the Water Systems Council to provide a clean water supply to American families living without access to a precious resource most of us take for granted.

The WWT finances the construction of water wells for primarily rural, low-income families nationwide that need safe drinking water in areas where the extension of public water supplies to serve them does not make economic sense -- for them, for the public water supply owners, for federal, state or local funding sources.

