The Water Systems Council

Founded in 1932, the Water Systems Council (WSC) is the only national nonprofit organization with programs solely focused on private wells and small, shared wells serving more than 13 million households nationwide (U.S. Census American Housing Survey 2015).

WSC is committed to ensuring that Americans who depend on wells have safe, reliable drinking water and works to educate well owners, consumers, and policymakers at local, state, and federal levels about water wells and the importance of protecting America’s groundwater resources.

The Water Systems Council’s wellcare® program is a dedicated program protecting the water supply and groundwater resources for U.S. households that depend on private water wells for their drinking water.

The program provides consumers with education and information services that stress the importance of proper construction, regular testing and maintenance, and provides decision makers with information about wells.

Individual, domestic wells are cost-effective, dependable safe drinking water systems for approximately 494,022 people, or at least 194,497 households in Iowa (5% of total groundwater use in the state).

WSC’s free wellcare® hotline has answered questions from more than 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.

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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 Iowa.

wellcare® Well Owners Network

More than 12,000 well owners have joined the wellcare® Well Owners Network. Members come from every state, including Iowa.

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 Iowa 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.