

WELL OWNER TIP SHEET: PROTECT YOUR GROUNDWATER DAY

Every year, we ask our communities to promote and protect their groundwater supply and this year we are urging you to focus these efforts in your own backyard.

Ask yourself, when was the last time I tested my water? What actions have I taken to ensure my family's water is safe and protected from contaminants?

Protect Your Groundwater Day serves as an annual reminder for water well owners to **test, tend, and treat** their private water systems. NGWA encourages **annual inspections** of private water systems by certified water well contractors to ensure systems are operating correctly and producing safe and healthy water.

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT GROUNDWATER?

- Encourage your friends and family to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- Schedule your annual well inspection.
- Modify your water use.
- Properly decommission any abandoned wells using a professional.



SCHEDULE YOUR ANNUAL WATER WELL CHECKUP

Wells tapping groundwater resources can provide drinking water of the highest quality. Owning a private household-supply water well allows homeowners to control their own water supply. Ownership also comes with the responsibility of keeping the water well in good working order.

HOW DO I ARRANGE FOR A CHECKUP?

- Contact a local water well contractor and ask if he or she conducts the type of maintenance check described.
- You can locate NGWA member- or certified-contractors in your area through the Find a Contractor section on this Wellowner.org.



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