

WELL OWNER TIP SHEET: 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.



WHY IS A CHECKUP IMPORTANT?

- Routine inspection of a water well system can help ensure it is operating properly, prolong its useful life, and protect your investment.
- Inspections can protect your health by discovering issues that could result in water quality problems presenting a health risk.

WHAT DOES A CHECKUP INVOLVE?

- A flow test to determine system output, along with a check of the water level before and during pumping (if possible), pump motor performance (check amp load, grounding, and line voltage), and pressure tank and pressure switch contact.
- An inspection of well equipment to assure that it is sanitary and meets local code requirements.
- A test of your water for coliform bacteria and nitrates, and anything else of local concern. Check with your water well contractor, state department of natural resources, or local health department for information on local water quality issues.
- A concise, clear, written report should be delivered to you following the checkup that explains results and recommendations and includes all laboratory and other test results.

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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