

HOMEOWNER'S MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Properly constructed private water supply systems require little routine maintenance. These simple steps will protect your system and investment:

1. Always use licensed or certified water well drillers and pump installers when a well is constructed, a pump is installed, or the system is serviced. 
2. An annual well maintenance check, including a bacterial test, is recommended. Drinking water should be checked any time there is a change in taste, odor, or appearance, or when the well system is serviced. 
3. Keep hazardous chemicals, such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides, and motor oil, far away from your well. 
4. Periodically check the well cover or well cap on top of the casing (well) to ensure it is in good repair. 
5. Always maintain proper separation between your well and buildings, waste systems or chemical storage facilities. Your professional contractor knows the rules. 
6. Don't allow back-siphonage. When mixing pesticides, fertilizers, or other chemicals, don't put the hose inside the tank or container. 
7. When landscaping, keep the top of your well at least 1 foot above the ground. Slope the ground away from your well for proper drainage. 
8. Take care in working or mowing around your well. A damaged casing could jeopardize the sanitary protection of your well. Don't pile snow, leaves, or other materials around your well. 
9. Be aware of changes in your well, the area around your well, or the water it provides. 
10. When your well has come to an end of its serviceable life (usually 20+ years), have a qualified water well contractor decommission it after constructing your new system. 

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