Geauga Public Health

Private Water Systems

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR WELL

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Presentation Outline

- Water facts
- Types of water systems
- Reading a Well Log
- Components of a well
- Well maintenance and disinfection
- Water testing
- Well water quality interpretation tool











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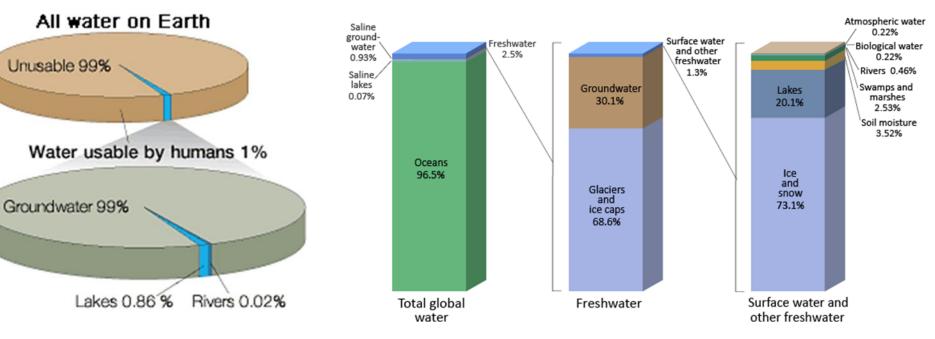
Water Facts

70% of the Earth's surface is covered with water

97% of this water is found in the oceans or is saline

3% is ground or surface water

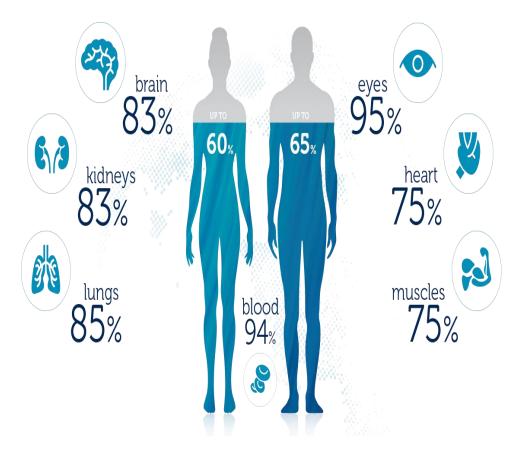
44% of the U.S population rely on groundwater as a primary water source



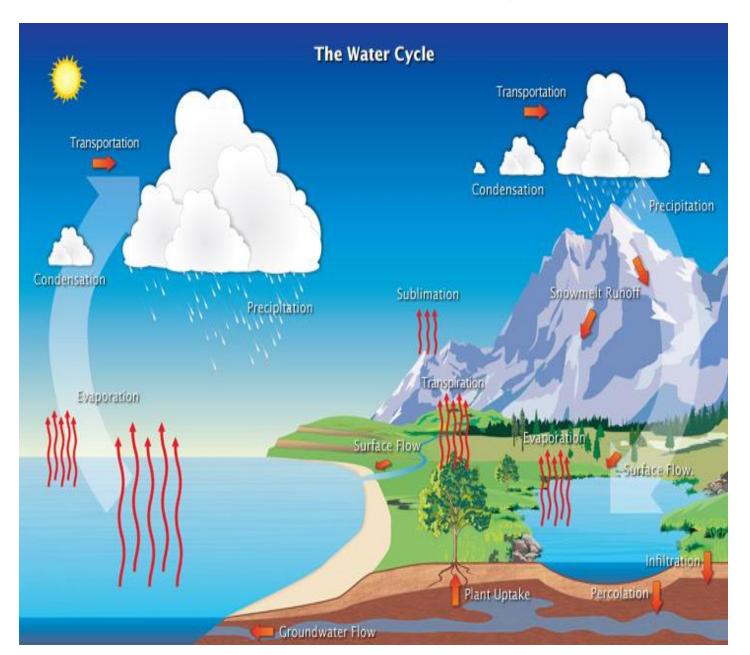
Distribution of Earth's Water

Water Facts

- 70% of the human body is made up of water
- Essential to all living things
- Universal Solvent
 - Can dissolve more substances than any other known liquid including Sulfuric Acid
- It's the most important resource we have on this planet

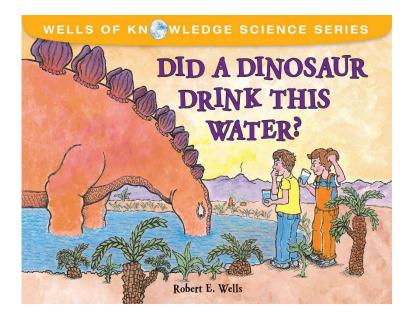


Where Does My Water Come From?



- Powered by the sun's energy
- Continuous exchange of moisture between the oceans, atmosphere and the land.

- Over span 100yrs a water molecule spends 98yrs in the ocean. 20 months as ice. 2 weeks in lakes and rivers. Less than a Week in the atmosphere



Two Categories of Water Systems

Public Water System

- Regulated by the Ohio EPA
- Defined by the number of service connection or the number of people served.
 - At least 15 service connections.
 - At least 25 people for at least 60 days each year.
 - Schools, Nursing Homes, Mobile Home parks.

• Private Water System

- Regulated by the Ohio Department of Health
- Households and business that serve less than 25 people per day for less than 60 days per year.
- Bed & Breakfast, Small Day Care, Small Churches







Basic Types of Private Water Systems

- Rotary/Drilled Well
- Dug Well
- Point Well
- Cisterns
- Hauled Water Storage Tank
- Ponds
- Approximately 29,000 PWS In Geauga



WATER WELL DATABASE



www.waterwells.ohiodnr.gov

THE OHIO WATER WELL DATABASE

Welcome to the Ohio Water Well Database. This database contains the records of 893,683 water wells and 121,483 well sealing reports filed in the state of Ohio. Ohio Revised Code 1521.05 requires a water well record be filed with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for any well that is drilled, regardless of design or method of construction, for the purpose of:

- Removing groundwater from or recharging water into an aquifer, excluding subsurface drainage systems installed to enhance agricultural
 crop production or urban or suburban landscape management or to control seepage in dams and levees;
- Determining the quantity, quality, level, or movement of ground water in or the stratigraphy of an aquifer, excluding borings for instrumentation in dams, levees, or highway embankments;
- Removing or exchanging heat from ground water, excluding horizontal trenches that are installed for water source heat pump systems.

Drillers/Contractors seeking to file a well log or well sealing report, please login using the menu at the top of your screen.

WHAT SEARCH MODULE WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE?





Find records using quick or complex queries and interactive map tools.

Recommended



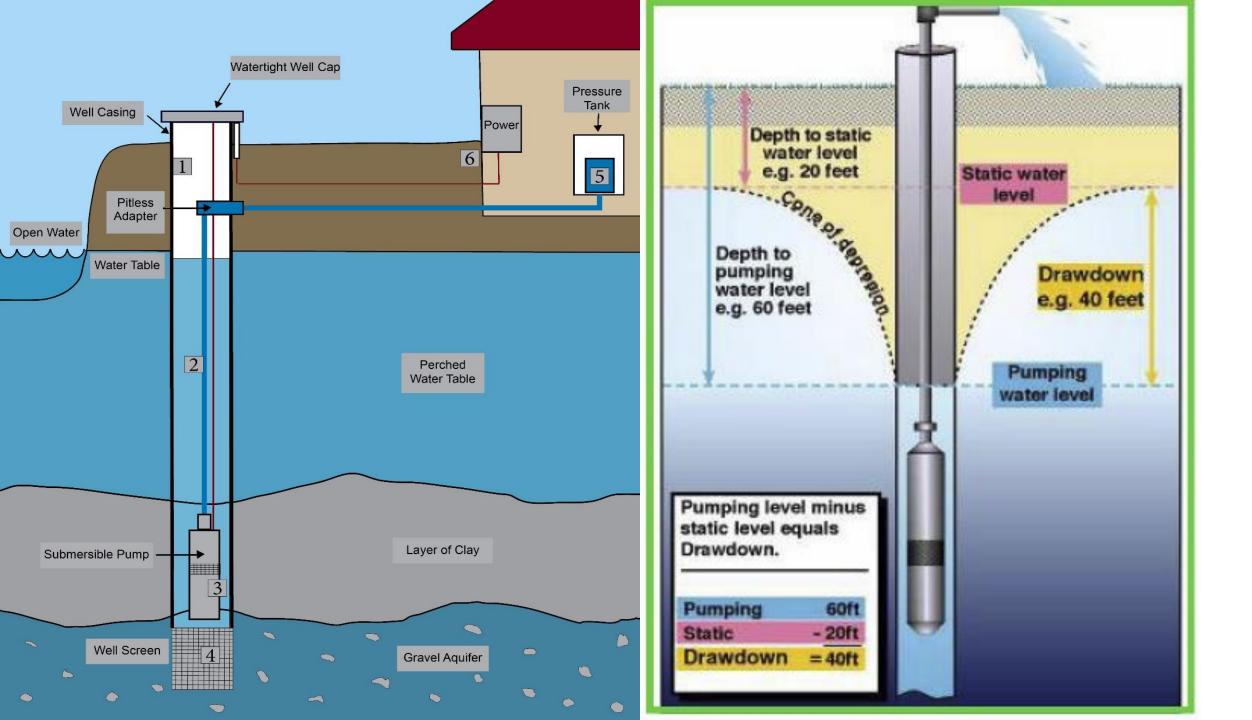
CLASSIC SEARCH

Find records using simple queries of single or multiple database fields.

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Completion of this form is required by section 1521.05, Ohio Revised Code - file within 30 days after completion of drilling. Distribute copies of this record to Customer, and Local Health Deptartment.

Simple Queries

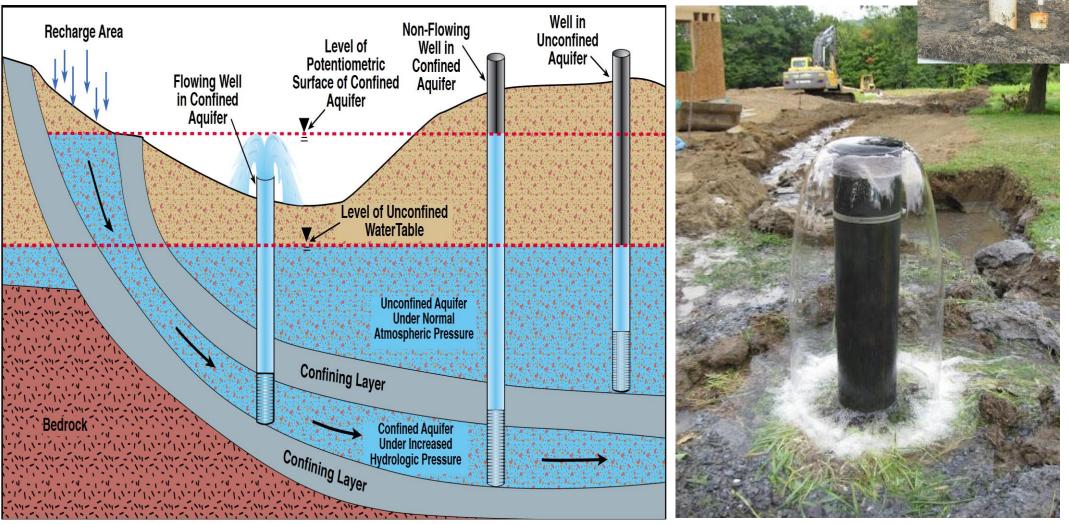


Water Well Performance Testing

- Physical or hydrological performance of a well.
- Performed by registered private water contractor
 - Flow test rate and recovery rate
 - Static water level and well depth
 - Equipment test (pump, pressure tank, filters....)
- Performed on
 - New wells
 - Redeveloped wells
 - Alteration to the well
- Usually conducted when there is a significant change in flow or sediment observed in the water.

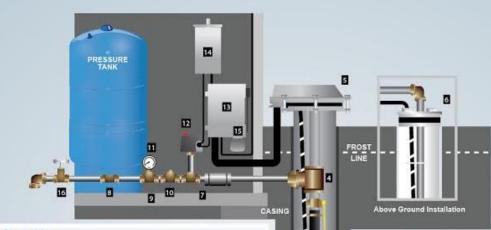


Flowing Well or Artesian Well



Components of a well

- Casing. Serves as the lining of your well. Keeps well from caving in
- Pit-less Adapter. Attached to the well casing and water line to the home.
- Well Cap. Seals the upper end of the well to prevent contaminants from entering well
- Well Pump. Raises water from the well and delivers it to the pressure tank.
- Pressure Tank. Tank that holds water from the well under pressure until it is needed.



1. Check Valve

Located at the top of the pump to prevent back flow into pump and hold the head of water in the system.

2. Torque Arrestor

Installed directly above Submersible Pump to protect pump and well components from starting torque damage.

3. Safety Rope A safety line from the top of the well to the pump.

4. Pitless Adapter

Provides a watertight sanitary removable connection between pump and house. Installed in casing below the frost line to prevent freezing.

5. Watertight Well Cap

Provides a watertight seal when its inner gasket compresses to outside diameter of casing. Top of cap removes easily to access well for service.

6. Well Seal

Provides a positive seal inside casing in above-ground installations.

Check Valve Installed near the tank inlet to hold water in the tank during pump installation when the pump is idle.

8. Tank Tee

Connets water line from pump to pressure tank and service line from tank to house. Taps are provided to accept Pressure Switch, Pressure Gauge, Drain Valve, Relief Valve, Sniffer Valve, etc.

9. Drain Valve

Drain easy draining of the system.

10. Relief Valve

Protects against pressure build-up. Should be used on any system where the pump could develop pressure that exceeds the maximum system rating.

11. Pressure Gauge Measures water pressure in Pressure Tank.

12. Pressure Switch

Signals the pump to start when the water system drops to a pre-set low pressure, and to stop when the high-pressure mark is reached.

13. Safety Switch

For electric control and distribution to the pump.

14. Pump Saver

Adjustable, solid control monitors system load conditions to protect pump motor from dry well flow loss, rapid cycling, slow recovery, air lock and locked rotor problems.

15. Lightning Arrestor

Protects pump motor and controls from voltage surges caused by lightning, switching loads and power line interference.

16. Ball Valve

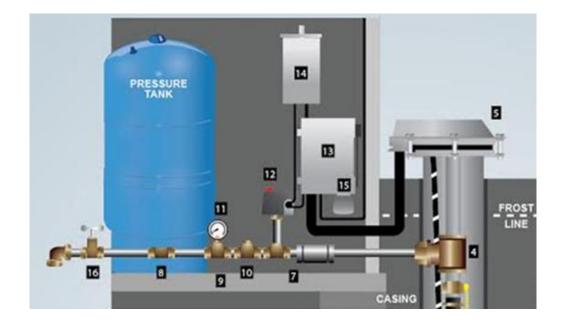
Acts as a shutoff valve on the supply line from tank to house.



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Components of a Well

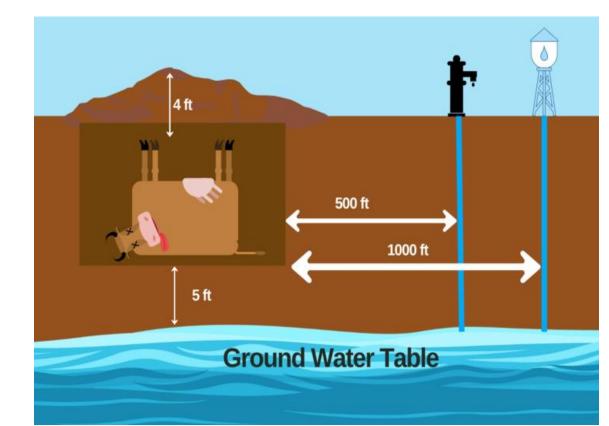
- Sample Tap
 - Non threaded and as closed to the pressure tank as possible.
 - Additional sample taps may be needed.
- Drain Valve
- Pressure gauge
- Pressure switch
- Backflow preventer
- Pressure tank





Typical Well Deficiencies Seen Onsite

- Holes and cracks in casing
- Cracked or missing and unsecured well caps
- Buried well casings
- Exposed electrical wiring
- Unvented caps
- Non-rodent proof caps
- Leaks around pressure tanks
- Unsanitary conditions around Pressure tanks









Well Location Considerations

- Where Is My Private Water System Located?
- Call GPH
- Locate Potential Contamination Sources
- Home Sewage Treatment System (>50ft)
- Fuel Oil Tanks Less Than 1000gal (>50ft)
- Animal Housing, Manure piles (>50ft)



Sewage or Manure Land Application Approved by BOH (>200ft)

Yearly Homeowner well inspections

- It's important to routinely inspect your well system to ensure it's operating properly, prolong its life and protect your investment
- Keep hazardous chemicals away from your well and well components
- Inspect your wellhead & seal for signs of damage, insect or animal intrusion
- Ensure your well casing extends a min 12" from the ground surface and ground is sloped away from well casing
- Check the well casing for deterioration
- Check pressure tank fittings and piping for corrosion

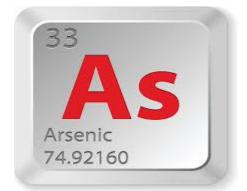
- Protect your well from vehicles
- Record changes in your water quality (taste, odor, or color)
 - Record conditions around these changes
- Keep records of your well and maintenance activities
- Change filters routinely
- Keep up with maintenance and chemicals for water softeners
- Perform routine water quality testing (total coliform bacteria)
 - Disinfect your well when bacterial levels exceed the standard
 - Total coliform > 4.0 cfu/100mL
 - E. coli > 1.0 cfu/100mL





Safe Drinking Water Act 1974 Standards

- Primary Standards
 - A list of contaminants that can cause health affects.
 - Enforceable standards or Maximum Contaminate Levels (MCLs) established.
 - Public water supplies must be below these standards.
- Secondary Standards
 - A list of contaminates that do not cause health affects but affect the quality of the drinking water.
 - There is an established Secondary(MCL)
 - Cause taste and odor issues
 - Color and clarity
 - Corrosive or cause staining







Primary Contaminates

| Contaminant | MCL or TT1 | Potential health effects from long- | Common sources of contaminant in | Public Health Goal |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | term3 exposure above the MCL | drinking water | (mg/L)2 |
| Antimony | 0.006 | Increase in blood cholesterol; | Discharge from petroleum | 0.006 |
| | | decrease in blood sugar | refineries; fire retardants; | |
| | | | ceramics; electronics; solder | |
| Arsenic | 0.010 | Skin damage or problems with | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff | 0.000 |
| | | circulatory systems, and may have | from orchards; runoff from glass & | |
| | | increased risk of getting cancer | electronics production wastes | |
| Asbestos (fibers >10 micrometers) | 7 million fibers | Increased risk of developing benign | Decay of asbestos cement in water | 7 MFL |
| | per Liter (MFL) | intestinal polyps | mains; erosion of natural deposits | |
| Atrazine | 0.003 | Cardiovascular system or | Runoff from herbicide used on row | 0.003 |
| | | reproductive problems | crops | |
| Barium | 2.000 | Increase in blood pressure | Discharge of drilling wastes; | 2.000 |
| | | | discharge from metal refineries; | |
| | | | erosion | |
| | | | of natural deposits | |
| Benzene | 0.005 | Anemia; decrease in blood platelets; | Discharge from factories; leaching | zero |
| | | increased risk of cancer | from gas storage tanks and | |
| | | | landfills | |
| Benzo(a)pyrene (PAHs) | 0.000 | Reproductive difficulties; increased | Leaching from linings of water | zero |
| | | risk of cancer | storage tanks and distribution | |
| | | | lines | |
| Beryllium | 0.004 | Intestinal lesions | Discharge from metal refineries | 0.004 |
| | | | and coal-burning factories; | |
| | | | discharge from electrical, | |
| | | | aerospace, and defense industries | |
| Bromate | 0.010 | Increased risk of cancer | Byproduct of drinking water | zero |
| | | | disinfection | |
| Cadmium | 0.005 | Kidney damage | Corrosion of galvanized pipes; | 0.005 |
| | | | erosion of natural deposits; | |
| | | | discharge | |
| | | | from metal refineries; runoff from | |
| | | | waste batteries and paints | |
| Glyphosate | 0.700 | Kidney problems; reproductive | Runoff from herbicide use | 0.700 |
| | | difficulties | | |
| Carbofuran | 0.040 | Problems with blood, nervous system, | Leaching of soil fumigant used on | 0.040 |
| | | or reproductive system | rice and alfalfa | |

Secondary Contaminates

| Contaminant | Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aluminum | 0.05 to 0.2 mg/L |
| Chloride | 250 mg/L |
| Color | 15 (color units) |
| Copper | 1.0 mg/L |
| Corrosivity | Noncorrosive |
| Fluoride | 2.0 mg/L |
| Foaming Agents | 0.5 mg/L |
| Iron | 0.3 mg/L |
| Manganese | 0.05 mg/L |
| Odor | 3 threshold odor number |
| рН | 6.5-8.5 |
| Silver | 0.10 mg/L |
| Sulfate | 250 mg/L |
| Total Dissolved Solids | 500 mg/L |
| Zinc | 5 mg/L |

Iron, Sulfur, and Manganese Bacteria in Water

Signs of Nuisance Bacteria

- Reddish-orange deposit in wells, streams and ponds.
- Red, orange, or black/ brown algal growth that may float on the waters surface.
- Foul odor or taste to water.
- Oil-like sheen on surface of water.

Will the Bacteria Make Me Sick?

- The growth of bacteria and algae generally pose no health risk.
- Algal growth may cause a bad taste in well water and/or odors.



What Are Iron Bacteria?



Because iron and bacteria are naturally present in soils and water, it can be found in wells, streams, and lakes. Iron bacteria are organisms that consume iron to survive and produce deposits of iron

and brownish-red slime, "biofilm" in the water. Iron Bacteria get their energy from the reduced iron present in the water and do not always need oxygen to survive. During the process of obtaining energy from iron, the bacteria can oxidize iron from ferrous iron (dissolves in water) to ferric

> iron (does not dissolve in water) and a precipitate of ferric hydroxide is formed. The bacteria can also cause a sheen on the water's surface, which is often mistaken for oil. The two can be distinguished by poking at the sheen with a stick. If the sheen goes back together after removing the stick, the sheen is most likely from oil. If the sheen breaks apart into pieces, it is likely that iron bacteria are present.

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IRON BACTERIA & WELL WATER

What is Iron Bacteria?

Iron bacteria are small living organisms that naturally occur in soil, surface, and groundwater. These nuisance bacteria combine iron or manganese with oxygen to form deposits of "rust", bacterial cells, and slimy materials that stick to well casings, pumps, pipes, plumbing fixtures, and water appliances often damaging them.

Iron bacteria can be orange, brown, or red in color. Sometimes it floats in the water like orange algae and sometimes you may notice an orange slime that coats the inside of the toilet tank that can be wiped off with a finger. You may also notice an oily sheen on the water surface.

Iron bacteria often produce unpleasant tastes and odors commonly reported as: "swampy", "oily", "cucumber", "sewage", "rotten vegetation", or "musty". The taste or odor may be more noticeable if the water is stagnant for some time. Iron bacteria does not produce hydrogen sulfide (the "rotten egg" smell) but can create an environment where sulfur bacteria can grow and produce hydrogen sulfide.

What are the health effects of Iron Bacteria?

Although iron bacteria can affect how water tastes and smells, there are no associated health risks. However, iron bacteria can clog filters and screens reducing well yield and the effectiveness of some water treatment devices.

If you suspect contamination or experience illness, stop drinking and cooking with the water immediately, and do not resume use until testing has proven it to be safe to use. Always seek the advice of your medical doctor if you have any health concerns.

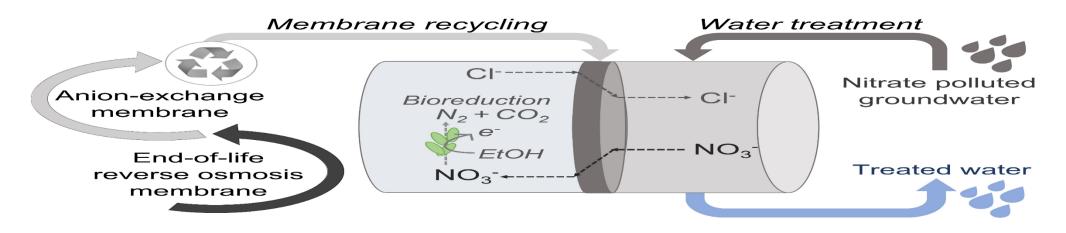
How do I test for Iron Bacteria?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not set a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for iron bacteria in drinking water. Too much iron bacteria in water will cause the water to be too unpleasant to drink. Therefore, if you suspect that you have iron bacteria, you should have the water tested. Contact your state or local health department for a list of state-certified laboratories in your area or use <u>our interactive map</u>. The characteristics listed are typical of iron bacteria. However, objectionable stains, tastes, or odors may be due to other causes including iron, sulfate, hydrogen sulfide, or manganese. Testing for these contaminants is also recommended to determine proper treatment.

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Contaminants of Concern

- Nitrate: Chemical contaminant; presence indicates surface contamination. Most commonly from fertilizer
 - Babies are most sensitive: Blue Baby Syndrome
 - 5mg/L requires sample to be sent to an approved lab for analysis
 - May be treated with reverse osmosis or ion exchange filtration



Bacteria In Your PWS

• Total Coliform: Bacteria used as an indicator organism

- Where is it coming from
- Not normally harmful to health individuals
- With disinfection devices should be 0 CFU, safe levels 4 CFU's or less.
- E. coli: Species of coliform bacteria; can cause illness
 - Where is it coming from
 - Commonly found in the intestines of humans & animals
 - Water should not be consumed
 - Can cause abdominal cramping, diarrhea, vomiting. Dangerous to elderly or immune compromised
 - With and without disinfection devices should be 0 CFU



Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection

"Protect and improve the health of all Ohioans by preventing disease, promoting good health and assuring access to quality care."

What is E. coli?

Simply put, *E. coli* is a bacterium. E. coli is the abbreviated name of the bacterium named Escherichia coli.

Where do you find E. coli?

E. coli bacteria are everywhere in the environment, E. coli and other kinds of bacteria are found in our intestines and are necessary for us to digest food and remain healthy. E. coli, along with other species of bacteria in our intestine, provide many necessary vitamins including Vitamin K and B-complex vitamins. We have billions of E.coli bacteria in our bodies, making things we need, helping digest our food and maintaining our health. Because these bacteria can be found in human and animal intestines, you can find these bacteria in the waste (feces) we produce. Sanitarians and those who test water look for these bacteria to alert people to the possible dangers and suggest proper treatments to remove the E. coli bacteria from the water.

Can E. coli harm your health?

Although <u>most </u>*E*. *coli* are harmless and are a needed bacterium for health, there are some strains of *E*. *coli* bacteria that can be very harmful to our health. A **rare** strain of *E*. *coli* that you may have seen in the news can cause potentially dangerous outbreaks and illness. This strain is *E*. *coli* O157:H7. This *E*. *coli* can produce a toxin called Shiga-like toxin (SLT).



E. coli

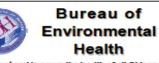
Answers to Frequently Asked Health Questions

How do you come in contact with E. coli?

You come into contact with E. coli by ingesting (eating and drinking) E. coli bacteria-contaminated items. Again, E. coli bacteria are everywhere in the environment. Because they are found in virtually all animals, any time we eat something, drink something or put our hands on something that has been near where persons or animals are, there is always the potential we might ingest these bacteria. The harmful E. coli bacteria have been found in unpasteurized apple juice and milk, meat (especially ground beef), sprouts, lettuce, salami and in sewage-contaminated water.

What are some of the health effects of harmful E. coli?

The harmful strain of E. coli bacteria can cause abdominal cramping, diarrhea* and occasionally vomiting. Usually little or no fever is present. Dehydration, even in mild cases of diarrhea, can easily occur. Normally the illness resolves in 5 to 10 days. In 5%-10% of cases, hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), which is characterized by kidney failure and loss of red blood cells, can occur. In severe cases of the disease, 2%-7% may have permanent kidney damage. Dehydration is particularly dangerous to small children who are too small to tolerate much blood and fluid loss. The presence of these bacteria can also be very dangerous to the elderly population or persons who are already ill. * Sometimes persons may have bloody diarrhea.



Total & Fecal Coliform Bacteria

Answers to Frequently Asked Health Question

"To protect and improve the health of all Ohioans"

What is coliform?

Total coliform bacteria are a collection of relatively harmless microorganisms that live in large numbers in soils, plants and in intestines of warm-blooded (humans) and cold-blooded animals. Coliform aid in the digestion of food.

Where do you find coliform?

There are 16 species of total coliform found in soils, plants and in animal and human waste. A subgroup of coliform, called fecal coliform bacteria, is different from the total coliform group because they can grow at higher temperatures and are found only in the fecal waste of warm-blooded animals. There are six species of fecal coliform bacteria found in animal and human waste. *E. coli* is one type of the six species of fecal coliform bacteria. A rare strain of *E. coli* that you may have seen in the news can cause potentially dangerous outbreaks and illness. This strain is called *E. coli* 0157.

How do you come in contact with coliform?

Coliform are a family of bacteria common in soils, plants and animals. You can come in contact with these bacteria by eating or drinking (ingesting) soils on plants and in water sources such as ponds, lakes and rivers. Fecal coliform bacteria can be found in water contaminated by domestic sewage or other sources of human and animal waste.

Can coliform harm your health?

Finding coliform or other bacteria in water does not necessarily always mean you will become ill. However, if these organisms are present, other disease-causing organisms may also be present. The presence of fecal contamination is a sign that a possible health risk exists for individuals exposed to this water. Health symptoms related to drinking or swallowing water contaminated with fecal coliform bacteria generally range from no ill effects to cramps and diarrhea (gastrointestinal distress). Sanitarians and those who test water look for total and fecal coliform bacteria to alert people to the possible dangers and suggest proper treatments to remove potentially harmful bacteria from the water. The presence of any fecal coliform in drinking water is of immediate concern as many diseases can be spread through fecal transmission.

How can you reduce coliform contamination?

Groundwater (underground drinking water) in a property constructed well should have minimal-to-no coliform bacteria. If coliform are found in a well it generally means bacterial and mineral slimes have built up and your well needs to be professionally cleaned by a registered private water system contractor.

Homeowners who use cisterns, springs or ponds as a drinking water source should use treatment devices to disinfect and filter the water to remove coliform bacteria. The presence of total coliform in a water sample means the disinfection system is not working properly.

Improperly maintained treatment devices can be sources of contamination. Home water filters and other water-treatment devices should be changed and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

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Water Well Disinfection

- Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
 - Homeowner simplified procedure
 - Should disinfect after positive bacteria result or for general maintenance.
- Equipment and supplies
 - Unscented household beach
 - White vinegar
 - 5 gallon bucket
 - Garden hose
 - Well log
 - ODH Disinfection calculator
 - Chlorine test strips (Optional)

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| | | | Drilling Method: ROTARY | | |
| | County GEAUGA Township A | UBURN | BOREHOLE/CASING (Measured from | ground surface) | |
| | GREGORY GLIBA | | 1 Borehole Diameter 9.63 Casing Diameter 6 in. L | inches Depth ength80ft.Thickr | |
| \mathbf{r} | | | 2 Borehole Diameter 5.88 | inches Depth | 140 ft. |
| r i i | 11605 ASCOT Address of Well Location | | Casing Diameterin. L Casing Height Above Ground | ength ft. Thickr 1.5 | ness <u> </u> |
| | City CHAGRIN FALLS Zip Cod | | Type {1: PVC 2: | 1.0 | |
| ••• | Permit No. 2070494 Section; | and or Lot No. | 2: | | <u> </u> |
| | Use of Well_DOMESTIC Coordinates of Well (Use only one of the below coordina | ate systems) | Joints {1: <u>Solvent</u> 2: | | |
| | State Plane Coordinates | | SCREEN | | |
| | N X +/- S Y +/- | _ ff. | Diameterin, Slot Size | in. Screen Lengt Material | hft. |
| | Latitude, Longitude Coordinates | | Type Set Between | ft. and | ft. |
| | Latitude: 41.39514 Longitude: | -81.22614 | GRAVEL PACK (Filter Pack) | Vol/Wt. Used | |
| | Elevation of Well in feet: <u>1277</u> +/- Datum Plane: NAD27 🔀 NAD83 Elevation S | fl. Source GLOBAL | Material/ Size Method of Installation | Used | |
| | Source of Coordinates: GLOBAL POSITIONING SY Well location written description: | STEM | Depth: Placed From: | ft. To: | ft. |
| | Well location written description: | | GROUT Material Bentonite/polymer slumy | Vol/Wt. 400# (102 m | -1 |
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| | | | Depth: Placed From: 0 | ft. To: | 77ft. |
| | | | | LING LOG* | |
| | Comments on water quality/quantity and well constr | ruction: | FORMATIONS INCLUDE DEPTH(S |) AT WHICH WATER IS E | NCOUNTERED. |
| | | | Color Texture BROWN | Formation CLAY & GRAVEL | From To 0 12 |
| | | | BROWN | SAND AND GRAVEL | 0 12 12 30 |
| | l l | | GRAY | CLAY & GRAVEL | 30 36 |
| | | | GRAY | SAND AND GRAVEL | 36 50 |
| | | | | SANDSTONE | 50 140 |
| Private Water S | ystems: Water Well | | | Water Encountered At | 110 140 |
| | olume Calculator | | | | |
| Disinfection v | biume calculator | | | | |
| | | 8/23/2021 | | | |
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| | | Test <u>1</u> hrs. | | | |
| om the well log: | | <u>30</u> gpn | n | | |
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| vhole number (D): | inches | | | | |
| noie number (b). | inches | | | | |
| round up to next whole number (ex: ! | 5.5 in would be entered as 6) | Date8/24/2021 | Aquifer Type (Formation producing the m | ost water.) SANDSTONE | |
| | | | Date of Well Completion 8/23/2 | 021 Total Depth of V | Nellft. |
| | | ction 1521.05, Ohio | Revised Code - file within 30 d | ays after completion of | of drilling. |
| | gal/ft of water | of this record to Cu | stomer, and Local Health Depta | irtment. | |
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Enter the following information
Total Depth of Well (TD):

Static Water Level in Well (SWL)

Well Casing Diameter* must be a *if more than one, use largest. If reported with a part of an inch Well Volume Calculation

Gal/foot factor from casing =

Gallons of Water in Well =

Volume of regular liquid bleach a

100 ppm solution: Distilled white

Volume of regular liquid bleach a

150 ppm solution: Distilled white

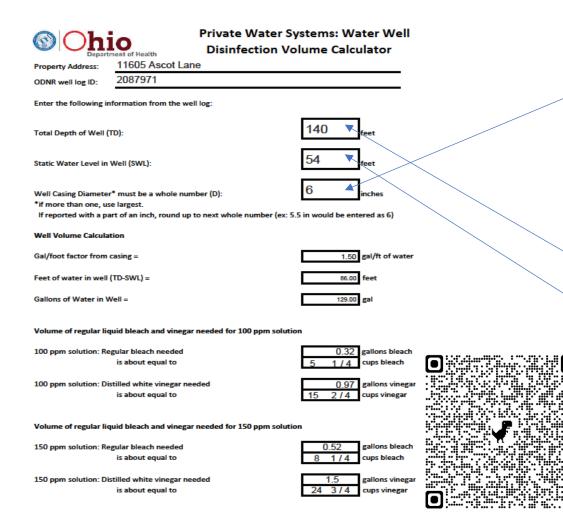
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Disinfection calculator



| WELL LOG AND | DRILLING REPORT | Well Log | Number | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------|--|
| DNR 7802.05e Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Water, 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6605 | | 2087 | 2087971 | | |
| Division of Water, 2045 Morse P Voice (614) 265-67 | 40 Fax (614) 265-6767 | Page 1 of 1 | for this re | ecord. | |
| WELL LOCATION | | TRUCTION DETAILS | | | |
| | Drilling Method: ROTARY | | | | |
| County GEAUGA Township AUBURN | BODEHOLE/CASING INCOM | from ground surface) | | | |
| and the second s | | | 78.5 | | |
| GREGORY GLIBA | 1 Casing Diameter 6 | | kness 0.3 | | |
| Owner/Builder | - Dismeter | | 140 | | |
| 11605 ASCOT | 2 Casing Diameter | | kness | | |
| Address of Well Location | Casing Height Above Ground | | | - | |
| City CHAGRIN FALLS Zip Code +4 44022 | 1: PVC | | | _ | |
| Permit No. 2070494 Section; and or Lot No | Type 1 | | | | |
| Use of Well_DOMESTIC | Joints {1: Solvent | | | | |
| Coordinates of Well (Use only one of the below coordinate systems) | Joints 2 | | | | |
| State Plane Coordinates | SCREEN | | | | |
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| Source of Coordinates: GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM | Depth: Placed From: | ft. To: | | 8 | |
| Well location written description: | GROUT | | | _ | |
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| | | | 101. | | |
| | Method of Installation Pumper | | 77 | | |
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| Comments on water quality/quantity and well construction: | FORMATIONS INCLUDE DEP | | ENCOUNT | EREC | |
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| | GRAY | CLAY & GRAVEL | 30 | 3 | |
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| | GRAT | SAND AND GRAVEL | 50 | 14 | |
| | | SANDSTONE | 50 | 14 | |
| | | | | - | |
| | | Water Encountered At | 110 | 140 | |
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| WELL TEST * | | | | | |
| Pre-Pumping Static Level 54 ft. Date 8/23/2021 | | | | | |
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| Pumping test method _AIR | | | <u> </u> | | |
| Test Rate30gpm Duration of Testhrs. | | | +t· | | |
| | | | ++· | | |
| Feet of Drawdown <u>56</u> ft. Sustainable Yield <u>30</u> gp *(Attach a copy of the pumping test record, per section 1521.05, ORC) | m | | ++ | | |
| | | | ++ | | |
| Is Copy Attached? Yes 🛛 No Flowing Well? Yes 🔀 N | ° | | | | |
| PUMP/PITLESS | | | | | |
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| Type of pump Capacity gpr | n | | | | |
| Pump set at 100 ft. Pitless Type | | 1.12120000 000000000 000000 | | | |
| Pump installed by STREETSBORO SALES | = | Contract Contract Contract | | | |
| I hereby certify the information given is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge | | | | | |
| Drilling Firm SOUTHWIND DRILLING COMPANY | + | | ++ | | |
| Address 8480 GIRDLE RD | + | | ++ | | |
| City, State, Zip MIDDLEFIELD OH 44082 | + | | ++ | | |
| Signed BRIAN R. WILSON Date 8/24/2021 | | | | | |
| (Filed Electronically) | Aquifer Type (Formation producing | | | - | |
| ODH Registration Number 1504 | Date of Well Completion 8 | V23/2051 Total Depth of | Well 14 | 10 | |

December 2014

Completion of this form is required by section 1521.05, Ohio Revised Code - file within 30 days areas completion of drilling. Distribute copies of this record to Customer, and Local Health Deptartment.

Disinfection Procedure

- 1. Secure some water for drinking, and do some laundry.
- 2. By-pass all water treatment units (softener).
- 3. It is recommend to pump the well for 24 hours (this may not be possible).
- 4. Use the disinfection calculator for to determine the volume of bleach and vinegar needed (Example ~1/3 gal of bleach, ~1 gal vinegar).
- 5. In a 5 gallon bucket mix water, vinegar, and bleach.
 - Fill the bucket with 2 3 gallons of water, add vinegar and mix, then add the bleach.
- 6. Remove well cap and add the solution to the well.
- 7. Use a garden hose to flush the sides of the well and recirculate the water
 - May see some sediment or debris in the water.
 - Purge the well until the debris is minimized or water is clear.







Enhanced Disinfection

- Performed by a private water contractor when the water cannot meet the water quality limits for bacteria.
- Deep cleaning of the well and entails the removal of the pump and lines.
- The casing is cleaned with wire brush and swab.
- May also involve a chemical cleaning if large amounts of deposits are noticed.
- Well must be redeveloped and the sediment removed.
- Well is disinfected and must sit for 24 hours.
- Purge the well, check for residual chlorine.
- Retest for total coliform bacteria (48 72 hours)



165 gallons of water plus sterilene to yield 200 ppm concentration



Continuous Disinfection

- Needed when the well cannot meet water quality criteria for bacteria.
 - May be required after enhanced disinfection fails.
 - A dye test and camera inspection should be performed to confirm the well casing is structurally sound.
- Continuous disinfection requires and alteration permit form the Board of Health.
 - U.V Light Sterilizers
 - Chemical disinfection with chlorine (bleach)



Why don't people test their wells?

- We've been drinking it for years.
- Don't know what to test for.
- Don't understand how and where to sample.
- Didn't know that I should be testing the water.
- Testing cost to much.
- Better to wait until there is an issue.
- Results are complicated.



Testing is even more important if young children drink the water.

Well Interpretation tools



Ohio State University Extension

<u>https://ohiowatersheds.osu.edu/know-your-well-water/well-water-interpretation-tool</u>

Be Well Informed

- https://www4.des.state.nh.us/DWITool/Welcome.aspx
- <u>https://bewellinformed.info/workbench</u>
- Contact your local health department

| Cryptosporidium | count/100gal ╺ |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| E. coli | CFU/100mL - |
| Fecal coliform | CFU/100mL - |
| Giardia lamblia | count/100gal ▼ |
| Total Coliform Bacteria | MPN/100mL - |
| Total Coliform Bacteria (Counts) | CFU/100mL - |

Homeowners Can Take Their Own Samples

The Geauga County Laboratory is a multifaceted lab with capabilities that range in both water and wastewater analysis. Each of our analysts hold water and wastewater certifications through the State of Ohio. Semi annually we participate in Federal and State proficiency testing and have random and scheduled surveys through the EPA and the Health Department.



- Homeowners can schedule with the lab to drop of water samples.
- Sample bottles shall be purchased at the Department Office, Monday Friday from 7am to 4pm.
- Laboratory located at 13335 Aquilla Rd. Chardon, OH 44024
- Contact Number: 440-279-1975

Do I Have Access to Public Water?

- Look for fire hydrants along the roadside
- No state requirements to tie into city water if accessible
- Call Geauga Water Resources to determine if water is accessible
- Call Geauga Public Health Department to determine current Private water system on site



Questions?

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