

Private Well Fact Sheet

If you choose to keep your private well, you must:

1. Apply at the Waukesha Water Utility for a Well Operation Permit, furnish copies of the bacteriological water test results (see # 2, below), and provide the application fee. Once the Waukesha Water Utility has reviewed and approved the results, the Well Operation Permit will be sent to you. It will be valid for five (5) years and is renewable and transferable. Please note that when you renew your permit, you will need to have the water tests performed and the well and pump system inspected, as this is required every ten (10) years.
2. Have two (2) bacteriological water tests taken a minimum of two (2) weeks apart. You can contact a local laboratory, a licensed well drillers/pump installer, a plumber or the Waukesha County Environmental Health Division to assist with the testing. The County's phone number is (262) 896-8300. All fees associated with the inspecting, testing, and permitting of the well are the responsibility of the property owner

If you choose to abandon the well, you must:

1. Contact a licensed well filling and sealing contractor, at your cost, to properly abandon the well. (Please contact Karen Doyle, Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use, at (262) 896-8306, as there may be partial funding available from Waukesha County for this work.)
2. Provide completed copies of the Well Abandonment form, available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), to the Waukesha Water Utility, the WDNR, and the Waukesha County Environmental Health Division within thirty (30) days of abandonment.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact:

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