

SPRING GROUNDWATER TIPS



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Inspect & Test Your Well

It is your responsibility to maintain and inspect your well and test your water. Adding this to your spring to-do list makes it easy to remember each year.

Water Wisely

Water your lawn and plants during the coolest parts of the day and only when they need it. This will help your lawn absorb the water and let it infiltrate into the ground.

Think At The Sink

Spring is a great opportunity to clean out the house. Avoid disposing of any unnecessary products down your pipes. Septic systems need to be healthy to function.

Plant Native Species

Plant deep-rooted native plants that soak up rain runoff and help to recharge local groundwater sources.

Safely Use Chemicals

When using any type of landscaping chemical, do not mix or dump materials near your wellhead. Spills can infiltrate into the groundwater.

Fix Your Leaks

Whether you rely on public water or a private well, leaks can be a big source of wasted water. To help conserve our groundwater, take time to fix any leaks at your house.

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SUMMER GROUNDWATER TIPS



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Clean Around Wellheads

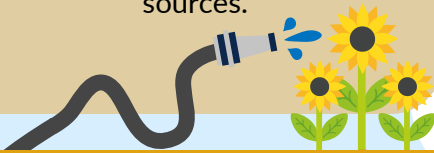
Keep the grass around your wellhead neat and free of yard waste. Use caution with lawn mowers since they can cause damage to the structure of your wellhead.

Keep Off Drain Fields

Summers are great for outdoor parties but make sure to not drive or park over your drain field. This causes pressure on the system and can risk drainage issues.

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Drain Pools and Hot Tubs

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Water Softening

Depending on your groundwater source, you may be using a water softener to help with the hardness. Discharge liquids at least 100ft away from your well.

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FALL GROUNDWATER TIPS



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Keep Your Well Clean

Rake up and remove leaves near your wellhead. Fallen leaves can be disposed of through yard waste pickup, composting, or in the garden beds.

Stop Mowing Your Field

By skipping the final mowing of the season, you add an extra layer of insulation to help prevent your septic system from freezing during colder months.

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Check For Leaks

Regularly inspect and promptly fix leaks in your water well systems to prevent freezing during cold months.

Store Chemicals

With the growing season nearly over, make sure all yard chemicals are stored in their proper containers and kept off the ground to prevent any leaching into the soil.

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WINTER GROUNDWATER TIPS



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Plan Ahead and Shovel

Shovel and scrape high-trafficked areas early and often. Deicers work best when there's only a thin layer to remove.

Use Less Salt

A little goes a long way. A mug's worth of salt is enough to combat ice on a typical home's driveway or sidewalk.



Regularly Check for Leaks

Inspecting your well water system and promptly repairing leaks are essential for preventing freezing and maintaining efficiency during cold months.

Keep Your Well Clean

Don't shovel snow onto your wellhead. Snow can contain potential contaminants that access our groundwater when it melts.

Use Sand Below 15°F

When temperatures drop below 15°F, road salt won't work. Use sand or other alternatives to help add traction to snowy and icy areas.

Sweep Up Excess

Clean up leftover salt, sand, and deicer to save and reuse. This will prevent any contaminants in melting snow from polluting groundwater as temperatures rise.

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