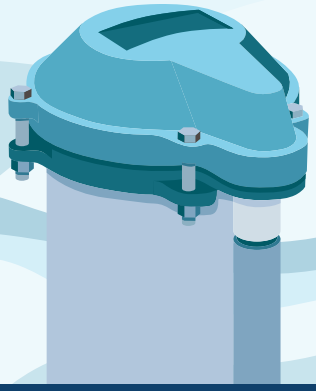
MiWell Maintenance Checklist



Maintaining your well and the surrounding area is important for protecting your drinking water and your health. Follow the steps in the checklist below to maintain your well.

☐ Use the Well Assessed Tool to complete your own well assessment every year.

Well Assessed is an online tool that will guide you through a quick, 10-minute step-by-step inspection of your home's private residential well. Based on what you find, you will receive personalized resources to help protect your drinking water and health.

This assessment is not intended to be a definitive assessment of your well system. Always contact a licensed professional to complete a full inspection of your private residential well.

Inspecting your well will:

1. Help you become aware of the condition of your well.

2. Connect you with resources for addressing concerns with your well.

To complete your step-by-step well inspection, visit Eh.Michigan.gov/WellAssessed or open your smartphone camera, hover over the QR code and click the link. Your phone will take you to the questions.

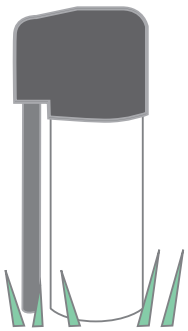
Do you prefer a printed copy? Call MDHHS at 844-934-1315 and we will send you one with a postage-paid return envelope.

☐ Monitor your well's surroundings.

Look around your wellhead frequently to see if there are items or materials nearby that could impact your well.

- Do not store, use or dump harmful materials such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides and motor oil near the wellhead. If you do use lawn fertilizer, follow the application instructions. Don't overapply near the wellhead.
- Keep the top of your wellhead at least 12 inches above the ground. Slope the ground away to help keep water from ponding near the wellhead.
- Do not plant shrubs and trees near the well.
- Be sure you can easily get to your wellhead for maintenance and/or for pump replacement. Never build a deck or porch over a wellhead. Buildings and overhangs should be at least three feet from the wellhead.
- Keep dog kennels or animal holding areas at least 50 feet from your well.
- If your home has a septic system, it's important to maintain it. Poor maintenance can lead to contaminants getting into your drinking water.

Address any concerns you may have with your well.



If you notice any of the following, contact a professional well driller to evaluate the condition of your well.

- Taste or odor problems with your water.
- Cloudiness or dirty looking water.
- Loss of water pressure.
- The pump cycles on and off frequently.
- You have a positive water test for any bacteria.
- If you find a defect with your wellhead, wellhead area or the overall water system during your routine inspection.

Locate documents about your well.

It's important to hold onto documents about your well, such as your water well record. This record is provided after the well has been installed by a registered well driller and contains important information such as:

- Well location.
- Well depth.
- Pumping rate.
- Pump and pressure tank information.
- Drilling method.
- Date of completion.

Can't find your well record? Check Wellogic.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has an online well record system called Wellogic. You may find your well record if the well was installed in the year 2000 or later. Visit Egle.state.mi.us/wellogic.

If your well was installed before the year 2000, you can search scanned copies of well records at Egle.state.mi.us/well-logs. If you cannot find your well record, or need help finding your record, contact your local health department.

For More Information

MDHHS Environmental Health Hotline
800-648-6942
Michigan.gov/CareforMiDrinkingWater

List of local health departments
Eh.Michigan.gov/MiHealthDepartment

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
Michigan.gov/DrinkingWater
Michigan.gov/WaterWellConstruction

Laboratory Services
Michigan.gov/EGLELab

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