

be well aware!

cost comparison

The annual **cost of bottled water** quickly surpasses the often one time **cost of a well upgrade** or treatment system.



Well Maintenance/upgrades	Treatment Systems	Other
Vermin-proof well cap \$65-\$100	UV system \$700-\$1000 + \$100 bulb (1/year)	Drinking water only – family of 4 \$1100 (bottles) \$200(jugs) ANNUALLY
Well upgrade Pit: \$1500-\$1800 Dug: \$3000	Water softeners \$1200-\$1500	Drinking and cooking water – family of 4 \$3300(bottles) \$750(jugs) ANNUALLY
Dug well decommissioning \$2000-\$3000	Reverse Osmosis systems \$600-\$1200	1000 Gallon Concrete Cistern \$4500-\$4800 + \$90/refill
Drilled well decommissioning \$1500-\$2500		1000 Gallon holding tank Concrete: \$1300-\$1500 Plastic: \$1200-\$1400

Cisterns and holding tanks can require maintenance and filling on a weekly basis, where as wells and treatment systems require just monthly or annual maintenance. In the long run well upgrades and treatment systems cost less and take up less of your time. Make sure you look into and consider all of your options before accepting that your well water is not safe or palatable to drink.

All of the price estimates include licensed or certified labour and installation costs. The treatment system and holding tank prices are based on certified equipment to ensure that you are receiving a high quality unit that will provide clean, safe drinking water.

When deciding on a well upgrade the most important aspect is ensuring that construction and installation are completed correctly so that you end up with drinking water you can trust. To find a licensed well contractor contact your Community Health Rep or Housing department for a referral or check the Ontario Ground Water Association member list (www.ogwa.ca) for certified well drillers. Ask for all of the provincial standards from regulation 903 to be met or exceeded.

Prior to installation of any treatment system ensure that your water equipment is properly specified and sized by having a complete evaluation of both your well and water quality. The correct start-up and ongoing maintenance procedures for operation will guarantee that your treatment system is as effective as possible. Regular testing of your well water is critical to make certain that proper treatment is supplied. Hiring a company that is a member of the Canadian Water Quality Association (CWQA) ensures that you are working with a certified water specialist, technician or installer who will adhere to strict guidelines and best practices.



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