

rural water stewardship **check-list**



- ✓ Test well water quality three times a year after heavy rains.
- ✓ Clean debris from around well.
- ✓ Check well cap and seal are intact and water tight.
- ✓ Ensure ground is adequately graded around well to direct surface run-off away.
- ✓ Maintain low growing grass or ground cover around well.
- ✓ Keep animals and animal waste far from well.
- ✓ Seal wells that are no longer in use.
(Contact a licensed well technician to do this correctly.)
- ✓ Install water conservation devices (low-flow toilets, showerheads, faucet aerators).
- ✓ Pump septic tank every 2-3 years.
- ✓ Check septic bed for signs of system failure (compacted areas, spongy spots, bad smell, excessive growth of vegetation, trees over the leaching bed) and have repairs done promptly.
- ✓ Avoid putting fats, paints, antibacterial products, etc. into septic that will lead to failure.
- ✓ Dispose of oil, gasoline, antifreeze, paints, toxins at hazardous waste centres.
- ✓ Capture rain water for lawn and garden watering.
- ✓ Naturalize lawns and gardens and use alternatives to cosmetic pesticides and fertilizers.
- ✓ Talk to your neighbours about well stewardship.

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