

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS CONNECTING TO PUBLIC WATER

The Medina County Health Department would like to remind homeowners and contractors of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3701-28 requirements that affects Private Water Systems (wells, cisterns, etc.) existing on your property.

If you are planning on connecting to public water, you must do one of the following to either keep or abandon the existing private water system located on your property:

If you wish to keep the Private Water System:

- Obtain an Alteration Permit from the Medina County Health Department. All work must be completed by a Private Water Systems contractor.
- The well, or other Private Water System, must be maintained in compliance with OAC Chapter 3701-28. Demonstration of compliance must include the ability to test the Private Water System, the presence of an operational pumping system and one or more of the following:
 - (a) A well log;
 - (b) A borehole video camera survey;
 - (c) A dye test, water sample; or
 - (d) An assessment performed by a registered private water systems contractor or by the Medina County Health Department that the system meets the requirements of OAC Chapter 3701-28.

If you wish to abandon/seal the Private Water System:

- Obtain a private water system Sealing Permit from the Medina County Health Department.
- Have the Private Water System properly abandoned and sealed by a Private Water Systems Contractor.

These contractors must be registered by the Ohio Department of Health and **MAY NOT** be on the Engineer's contractor list. Please contact the Medina County Health Department for a list of private water systems contractors.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Mazak, Supervisor, Sewage, Water and Plumbing Programs, Medina County Health Department, at 330-723-9523.



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28-17 Procedures for the sealing of private water systems.

(D) When a replacement private water system or a public water supply system is installed the well that is not providing the primary source of water shall be sealed pursuant to the provisions of this rule within thirty days, unless the following conditions can be met:

(1) The well owner demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board of health that the well will not cause or contribute to contamination of the ground water supply, present a safety hazard or present a public health nuisance;

(2) The well is and will be maintained in compliance with this chapter. Demonstration of compliance must include an ability to be tested, the presence of an operational pumping system and one or more of the following:

(a) A well log;

(b) A borehole video camera survey;

(c) A dye test, water sample; or

(d) An assessment performed by a registered private water systems contractor or the board of health that the system meets the requirements of this chapter.

(3) When the well is no longer the primary source of water due the connection to a public water supply, demonstration of the backflow prevention requirements of rule 3745-95 of the Administrative Code is required.