

KEEPING YOUR WELL WATER SUPPLY SAFE

Well water is a vital resource that serves a significant percentage of properties in Greenwich; therefore, protecting this resource is essential for safe water consumption. Many factors in the community and environment can lead to contamination of the groundwater.

The following are several ways residents of a community can help ensure the safety of their well water supply and their neighbor's.

1. Be sure that all wells are drilled by well drillers who are licensed by the State of Connecticut.
2. The location of drilled wells must be a specified distance (75 feet) from all sources of pollution, such as septic systems; oil, gasoline and propane tanks; open drains; and chemical storage (garden supplies), etc. Setback distances are set by local and state regulations, so be sure to inquire.
3. Test your well water for basic parameters, such as bacteria, at least once a year to insure its potability. The Greenwich Dept. of Health's Laboratory can test your water and advise you what you should be testing for (fees are charged for all services).
4. Make sure the top of a drilled well is sealed tight (with a state-approved sanitary seal) and maintained at least 6" above the surface of the ground. This will prevent surface water from infiltrating into the well.
5. Avoid over-using fertilizers, lawn treatments, and pesticides. Excessive use may possibly lead to well water contamination. Alternative products are available.