

How well do you know your well?

The Quiz

YES

NO

?



unknown

Answer the following questions about your well....

Is your well...

- A minimum 30m / 100ft from potential sources of contamination, such as a septic field, dog run, chicken coop, animal range, compost pile, garbage cans, refuse piles, herbicide or fertilizer use or storage, above and below ground storage tanks, parking areas?
- In a high, dry location?
- Easily accessible for maintenance?



Well Construction

- Is the ground mounded around your well to deflect runoff?
- Is the top of the well at least 30cm / 12" above ground and does it have a watertight cap? *
- If your well is drilled, do you have a copy of the driller's log?
- Is the space around well casing sealed and watertight to a depth of at least 5 m (15 ft)?
- Does your water system include backflow prevention devices?



Well Maintenance & Water Quality

- Are hazardous materials, like pesticides, stored away from the well and not in the pumphouse?
- Has your well been tested for bacteria within the last 6 months?
- Have you pumped your septic system within the last 3 years?
- If your lot is smaller than 1 ha (2.5 acres), has your neighbour pumped their septic system within the last 3 years?
- If your well water is filtered or treated, is the filtration and treatment system regularly inspected and maintained?



Abandoned Wells

- Is your and your neighbour's property free of abandoned well(s) or unused well(s)?
- If there are abandoned wells, are they filled and sealed? *



Well Water Quantity

- Do you have adequate water all year round?
- Do you use low water use fixtures?
- Do you practice low water use gardening?



* Refer to the B.C. Ministry of Environment **Ground Water Protection Regulation** for details



If you Answered **NO** or **unknown** to one or more questions your well water may be at risk from contamination.

