

Well Sealing Cost-Share Program

Grants available through 2021

Private wells can be a potential pathway for groundwater contamination if not properly managed or sealed. Property owners are responsible for unsealed wells and the presence of an unsealed well can complicate the sale of your home. Grant funding is now available to offset the costs of well sealing. Homes built within a year of the construction of municipal water service have a higher likelihood of a well. **Find out your home's likelihood of a well using the well screening tool at FridleyMN.gov/Groundwater.**

Grant Information

- Eligible applicants will be reimbursed up to 60% (up to \$1,000) of the well sealing costs. Additional funding may be available for larger projects, please call for more information.
- Grant money is limited; projects must be approved by the City before proceeding. Recipients are required to obtain two quotes from licensed well contractors.
- Wells eligible for cost share funding must be located within a Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) in Fridley. Find out if you are in the DWSMA using the well screening tool. If you have a well outside of the DWSMA will, please call for other potential funding opportunities.

Step-by-Step Guide

- **Schedule a lost well visit:** If you are unsure if your property has a well, visit our website or contact the City to obtain a list of contractors who will search for lost wells.
- **Apply for cost-share funding:** If a well is found, you can receive guidance and apply for cost-sharing funding from the City. You must obtain two quotes from licensed well contractors prior to funding approval.
- **Submit paperwork:** Submit the Well and Boring Sealing Record to the Minnesota Department of Health and the City. We will send you a check or credit your utility bill to reimburse your costs up to 60%.

Questions?

Call 763-572-3554 or email WellSealing@FridleyMN.gov with questions or to start the application process.



Learn more at
FridleyMN.gov/Groundwater

More Information

You are now required to disclose if your property has a well and its status during the sale of your home. Per the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), wells are considered officially sealed, "in use" and operated on a regular basis, or are "not in use" at the time of sale. Wells that are "not in use" are required to be put back into use, permanently sealed, or receive a maintenance permit, which may delay the sale of your home.

Protecting Our Groundwater

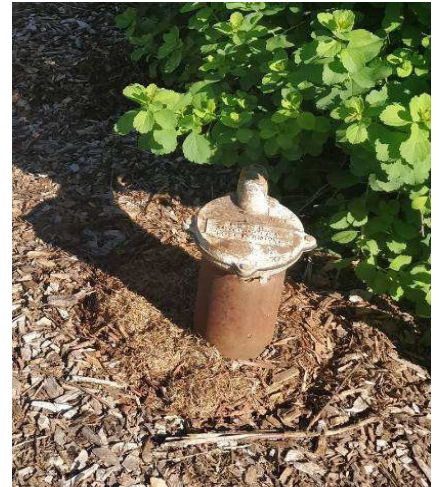
It is important to protect the quantity and quality of our groundwater to ensure that there is safe drinking water now and into the future. Underground aquifers take a very long time to recharge once depleted, especially when hard surfaces like roads and parking lots prevent rain from infiltrating into the ground. Conserving water, promoting groundwater recharge, and preventing contamination help protect our water supply.

Locating Wells

Wells can often look like:

- A pipe or ring sticking up from your basement floor or in the yard
- A pipe or ring behind false paneling or in an offset room in the basement
- A glass block in the stoop

However, wells may have been covered over time and may not be immediately obvious.



Managing and Sealing Wells

If you have an unused, unsealed well on your property, it should be properly sealed. A video of well sealing is available on our Groundwater webpage. If your well is unsealed, it is your responsibility to obtain a maintenance permit from the MDH, regularly inspect the well, and protect it from damage. Property owners should follow the guidance in the MDH's *Well Owner's Handbook*. An electronic version of the handbook can be found at FridleyMN.gov/Groundwater and a hard copy is available at the Fridley Civic Campus.

Your well must have a Well and Boring Sealing Record supplied by a licensed well contractor on file with the MDH to be considered officially sealed; capping the top of a well is not considered sealing without the Well and Boring Sealing Record.



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