



WATER SAFETY

Help For Household Water Well Owners

(NAPSA)—There's good news for household water well owners who want to care for their wells and their water. They now have unprecedented help with access to 15 online lessons, eight webinars and much more—all free.

This menu of tools and resources is being made available online at www.WellOwner.org by the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"The online lessons, webinars and tip sheets, among other tools, help take the mystery out of being a well owner," said Cliff Treyens, NGWA director of public awareness. "Any well owner with access to a computer can learn the basics—including action steps—important to keeping their well systems in good operating order and their water safe."

Online lessons cover:

- What to test water for
- How to get and interpret a test
- Water treatment
- Arsenic
- Bacteria
- Nitrate
- Radon
- Well maintenance
- Groundwater protection
- Well flooding
- Well construction
- Decommissioning unused wells
- Water testing near hydraulic fracturing
- Finding a qualified water well professional
- Using water wisely.

The webinars cover many of the same topics.

Treyens said these new informational tools are intended to equip well owners to ask informed questions in order to get the help



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they need to address key water well-related issues.

"Many well owners are paralyzed when it comes to addressing problems. The information tools we have developed break water well issues into manageable size and allow the well owner to learn at his or her pace," Treyens said. "Importantly, these tools also provide a next step to address an array of issues facing an average water well owner."

To help the well owner learn, each online lesson includes a quiz at the beginning and a quiz at the end. "We know from test results that most well owners who take both quizzes are learning key information that will help them take care of their wells and their water," Treyens said.

NGWA encourages organizations and individuals to post and share the links to the lessons, webinars, tip sheets and other tools. "Our goal is to protect the public health, and the more people who learn, the better," Treyens said.

To access these well owner training and technical assistance tools, visit www.WellOwner.org.