Another tip sheet, another opportunity for all well owners to understand and promote the importance of the water we drink—groundwater!

**THIS MONTH’S TOPIC: Coronavirus and Private Well Services**

If you rely on a private well for your home's water supply and live in an area under a “shelter in place” order as the country combats the COVID-19 outbreak, you may be wondering what happens if you experience issues with your well.

These orders, enacted by states and local governments, require citizens to stay home unless absolutely necessary and temporarily close “non-essential” businesses.

Fortunately, work related to water and wastewater has been deemed critical to national infrastructure (as per a memo issued by the [Federal Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency](https://www.cisa.gov)).

The [National Ground Water Association (NGWA)](https://www.ngwa.org) wants private well owners to know:

**Services to your water systems, including pump installation, water testing, and water well drilling, are still available during any “shelter in place” or “lock down” order.**

“If you are currently drilling a water well or need work done to your water system please contact your local water well contractor,” says NGWA CEO Terry S. Morse CAE, CIC. “Our members know their services are essential to their clients and they are working to ensure services continue safely and efficiently.”
communities and are working hard to keep the water flowing for their customers."

NGWA has created a resource center on its website for members that provides tools, a checklist for safe home visits, and more to ensure groundwater professionals can continue to safely work during this unique time.

Stay safe, stay well.

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**Questions or concerns about your private well?**

Refer to Wellowner.org for more information on testing, treating, and maintaining their water well. The Contractor Look Up Tool will also assist you in finding an NGWA member or NGWA-certified water well contractor in your area.