

WELL OWNER TIP SHEET

A private well owner newsletter brought to you by NGWA and WellOwner.org



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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](#)).

The [National Ground Water Association \(NGWA\)](#) 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

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.

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.

The banner features a blue background with a subtle pattern of water droplets. On the left, the Wellowner.org logo is displayed in white and yellow, with the tagline "Informing consumers about groundwater and water wells." below it. On the right, the NGWA logo is shown in white, with the text "The Groundwater Association" underneath. At the bottom left, a white box contains the text: "The Well Owner Tip Sheet is supported by the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP.org), as part of the US EPA-funded program 'Improving Water Quality through Training and Technical Assistance to Private Well Owners.'" On the bottom right, the RCAP logo is displayed in blue, with the text "Rural Community Assistance Partnership" to its right.



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