

### WELL SEALING PROCESS

#### 1. Application

Complete the well sealing application as accurately as possible. A cost estimate is required from a licensed well driller as part of the application.

#### 2. Contract Approval

Upon notification of approval, your licensed contractor can proceed with the well sealing. Applicants who seal wells prior to receiving a signed contract for the SWCD office will lose their eligibility for cost share.

#### 3. Installation

The work must be completed by the date indicated on the cost share contract or the cost share will be forfeited. The owner is responsible for paying the well contractor for the entire well sealing costs.

#### 4. Reimbursement

When the well sealing is completed, and after receiving a copy of the Well and Boring Sealing record and a copy of the itemized bill, the SWCD will reimburse the well owner the specified amount in the cost share contract upon board approval at the next regular scheduled Board meeting.

### SWCD WELL SEALING

Sherburne SWCD has funding available to seal abandoned wells in the County. This funding is available as cost share assistance.

#### Why seal your unused well?

Sealing is the process of clearing an unused well of debris and filling the well with material designed to permanently decommission its use. By law, a well must be in use, be under a maintenance permit, or sealed by a licensed well contractor. Beyond the legal responsibility, there are numerous safety benefits of sealing a well; children and small animals can easily fall into an unprotected, open well along with the potential of damage to person or property if a crumbling well is driven over.

Unused wells can also be a source of groundwater contamination. An unused well can act like a drain, allowing contaminated water, surface water runoff, or improperly disposed waste a direct pathway into drinking water sources and bypassing the soil's treatment and filtering ability.

#### Well sealing guidelines

Wells must be located within Sherburne County. First priority will be given to wells located within a delineated Well Head Protection area. These funds can help defray up to 75% of the eligible costs.

For more information please contact Frances Gerde, Urban Conservationist  
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### COST SHARE, GRANTS AND LOANS

Sherburne Conservation District (SWCD) can connect you with cost share, grant, and loan programs that protect land and water in Sherburne County. Contact SWCD staff to schedule a free site visit at your property and to learn which of these programs is right for you.



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