

# Do's and Don'ts of Taking Care of Your Water Well

## Do's

- **Do** have the well water tested once a year for coliform bacteria, nitrate, and other contaminants.
- **Do** disinfect well water and plumbing by using bleach following construction, repair, or maintenance of well, or after flooding or other contamination event.



- **Do** have a well cap or seal at the top of the casing to keep surface water and critters out.

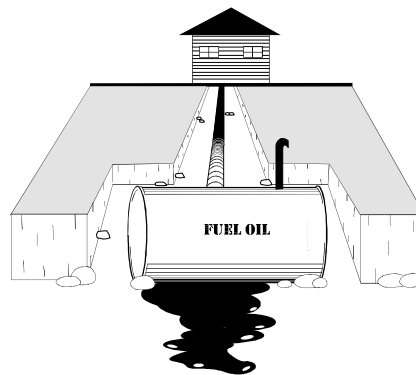
- **Do** inspect the well casing once a year for holes or cracks.



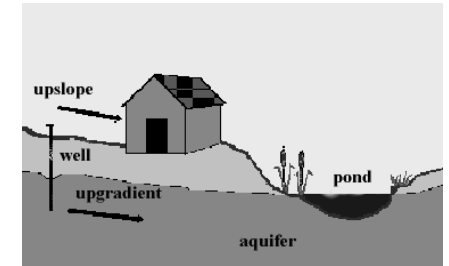
- **Do** take proper care of your septic system.



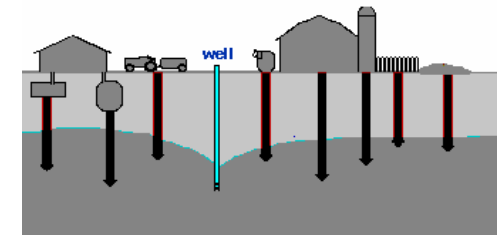
- **Do** test any fuel tanks on your property once a year for leaks.



- **Do** slope the area around the well so surface water drains away.



- **Do** keep chemicals stored away from the well.



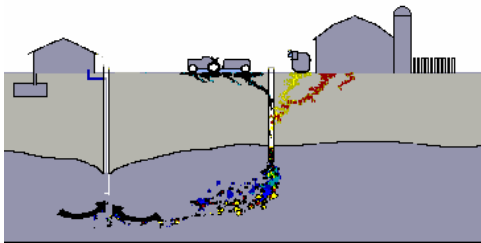
- **Do** have old wells closed and filled by a certified well driller.

# Don'ts

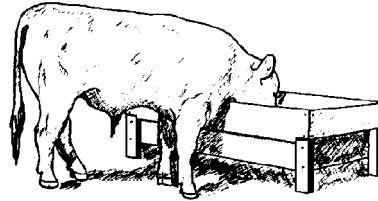
- **Don't** mix or use weed killers, bug killers, other pesticides, fertilizer, fuels or degreaser within 100 feet of your well.



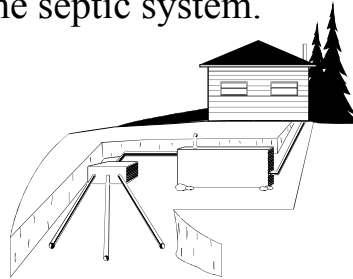
- **Don't** use old wells as dump sites.



- **Don't** cut the well casing off below ground level.
- **Don't** locate feed lots or animal pens where water drains toward the well.



- **Don't** drill your well near the septic system.



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**Safe water is important to people's lives.**

# Do's and Don'ts of Taking Care of a Drinking Water Well

