



Tip Of The WEEK

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How to Disinfect Your Well Water Supply

The following procedure is recommended to disinfect your water supply. What to use- liquid, unscented, chlorine laundry bleach. It has many brand names so make sure you use one that states on the label "Sodium Hypochlorites". The percentage is also listed on the label and is usually 5.25 % sodium hypochlorite.

1. Remove the well cap or the vent pipe or plug if the well is equipped with a sanitary well seal.
2. Pour two (2) gallons of household bleach (5.25% sodium hypochlorite) directly into well.
3. Connect a hose to a house spigot and run water directly into the well until chlorine odor is present in the water. Run the water for 15 minutes.
4. Shut off water supply to hose and proceed to systematically open each water fixture in the house. Let water run through each fixture until chlorine odor is present. Include both cold and hot water valves.
5. Close all valves and pour another one (1) gallon of bleach directly into the well. Recap the well or replace the vent pipe or plug. Leave all valves closed for a period of 24 hours or longer (toilets may be flushed if needed).
6. Open the hose spigot and discharge water to the ground surface or drainage ditch until chlorine odor disappears. Open every household fixture and let water run until the chlorine odor is gone. The well should now be properly disinfected. *
7. Request your local health department to collect samples of your water before using it. The phone number for other health departments' can be found in the telephone book under the city or county government offices.

*** In order to assure proper disinfection, you must make sure all fixtures are included in this process. This includes dishwasher, clothes washer, humidifiers, sink spray hoses, all toilets, etc.**



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