

How to Disinfect a Water Well

1. Remove well cap, vent pipe, or plug (if the well is equipped with a sanitary well seal). **DO NOT USE SCENTED BLEACH.**
2. Pour 1 gallon of household bleach (5.25% chlorine) directly into well.
3. Connect hose to a house spigot and run water directly into well until chlorine odor is present in the water. Run water this way for 15 minutes.
4. Shut off water supply to hose and systematically open each water fixture in the house. Let water run through both cold and hot water valves until chlorine odor is present.
5. Close all valves and pour another gallon of bleach directly into well. Recap well or replace vent pipe or plug. Leave all valves closed for a period of 12 hours or longer (toilets may be flushed if needed).
6. Open hose spigot to ground surface or drainage ditch until chlorine odor disappears. Open every household fixture and let water run until chlorine odor disappears.
7. Once disinfected and before using water, contact Sandusky County Health Department to schedule a water sample collection.

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