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Clinton County Health District



## Well Disinfection Directions

- If possible find well log information from Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) water well database.
- Pour 2 gallons of unscented bleach/chlorine directly into the well (based on well log information).
- Connect a garden hose to a nearby faucet & put the hose into the well, allow the water to run into the well for 20 to 30 minutes, so the bleach can circulate throughout the well.
- Go inside, open each faucet one by one and let the water run until chlorine odor is smelled. If no smell may need to add more chlorine.
- Allow water to set in the lines 12 to 24 hours.
- Flush the system of remaining chlorine by allowing the water to run until the chlorine smell goes away. Let the water run on the ground to reduce the load on your septic system. Finally run the indoor faucets until the system is completely flushed.

\*This information is to highlight simple guidance for well disinfection for homeowners

\*May take additional disinfection tries or assessment

\*Precaution use alternative source of water until chlorine is flushed out of well

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