

# Well Sealing Program

Sherburne Soil And Water Conservation District



A well that is not in use, (sometimes referred to as an "abandoned" well) can be a potential threat to health, safety, and the environment. Wells that are no longer used may be buried or forgotten. Often they have not been sealed properly. Sealing is the process of clearing an unused well of debris and filling the well with a special material called grout.

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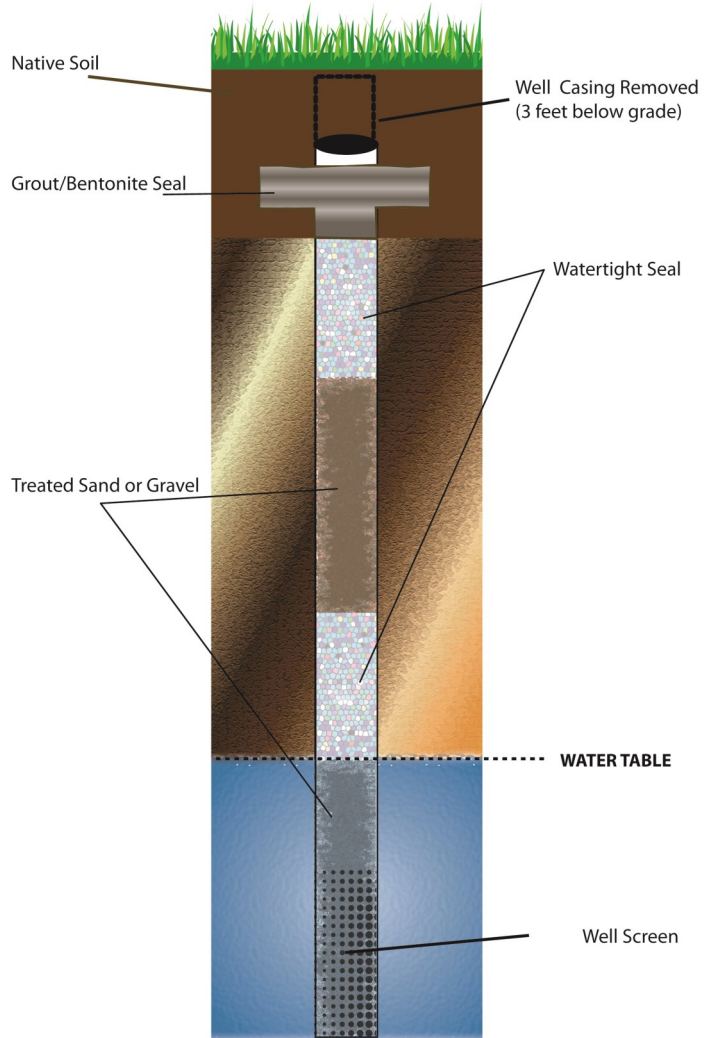
The Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has funds available to help home-owners pay for sealing abandoned or unused wells. The wells must be located within Sherburne County. First priority will be given to wells located within a delineated Well Head Protection area. These funds can help defray up to 50% of the eligible costs, not to exceed \$1,000.00

Unused wells can be a source of groundwater contamination. They provide a conduit for pollution to directly enter the groundwater; bypassing the soil's treatment and filtering ability. Depending on the well's diameter, they can also be a safety hazard to people and animals. By law, a well must be in use, be under a maintenance permit, or sealed by a licensed well contractor. The State of Minnesota also requires the disclosure of old wells whenever property is sold or transferred and that wells be sealed by a licensed well contractor.



Debris in an unused and unsealed well

## Properly Decommissioned Well



For more information or to apply for cost share assistance  
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