

**KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES! “Cap it or Plug it”  
SEALING, CAPPING AND PLUGGING OF WATER WELLS  
WITHIN THE WINTERGARDEN GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
(DIMMIT, LA SALLE, AND ZAVALA COUNTIES)**

The Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District (the District) wants to remind private water well owners of their responsibility to properly cap or properly plug water wells that are deteriorated or abandoned. Protecting the water quality is a vital role of the District and everyone that owns a water well. Your water well provides a direct link between what is above the ground and the groundwater below the surface.

If an active water well is not properly capped, or if an abandoned well is not properly plugged, it can create a pathway for contamination. In order to properly cap or plug a water well, you must contact a water well system professional. It is within the rules and regulations of the District, that if a well casing deteriorates to a point where commingling of water strata is either possible or occurring, within 30 calendar days, the well must either be equipped or plugged to prevent the commingling.

The cost to plug a water well will depend on the depth and diameter of the well; the geology of the area; accessibility of the well; and the condition of the well. This cost falls under the landowner’s responsibility. However, the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District is currently conducting a cost share program to subsidize the cost to the landowner. Please contact Ed Walker, General Manager, for further details at 830-876-3801.

Information in this news release was obtained from the Rules and Regulations of the Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District, Rule 16.5, and the National Groundwater Association.