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Healthy Water through Well Maintenance

Port Jervis, New York – Have you had your well checked lately? The National Ground Water Association recommends spring as the best time to have your annual water well check-up before the peak season of water use begins. It is important for you to not only have a well contractor to perform your annual check-up, but also keep up on your well maintenance to keep your well running at 100%.

Basic well maintenance is easy to perform and ensures that well problems won't surprise you in the middle of a summer gathering. Though basic well maintenance will keep you on top of any well issues, it is not a substitute for your recommended annual well check-up. The following are basic steps to keep your home's water clean and healthy and your well working properly:

Visual Inspection. You should visually inspect the outside wellhead, or the visible part of the well, several times a year for any damage, corrosion, or missing wellcap, however, the wellhead should never be opened.

Keep the Area Clean. Be sure to keep snow, leaves and other debris away from the well area. You should also inspect the area around the well for chemical spills or run off from neighboring farms.

Watch Rain Runoff. If your home is older, the land may have changed since your well was installed. If you find rainwater running past your wellhead, call a well contractor, as the rainwater may carry bacteria from the ground into your well water.

Keep a Log. You should be sure to keep a well log that notes when you have your water tested and your well inspected.

Take Note of Your Water Quality. If you find that your drinking water has changed, such as a change in taste, color or odor, or find flooding near the well, a chemical or fuel spill near the well, a neighboring well is contaminated, a family member with recurring gastrointestinal illness, someone in your home is pregnant or nursing, there is a change in water pressure or yield, or there are no recent water tests or record of previous water tests call a professional water well contractor or pump installer to inspect your water.

Good well maintenance will prolong the life of your well and its equipment, save you the cost and inconvenience of an emergency repair and give you healthy, clean drinking water.

Your annual check-up should be performed by a qualified water well contractor. To find a well water contractor go to the National Ground Water Association's website at www.wellowner.org or call Steve Snook, a licensed electrician and well contractor, at Tri-State Power and Pump at 845-858-1081 or in New Jersey call 973-875-3459 or visit us online at www.tristatepowerpump.com

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