



# TRUMBULL COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT

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## Options for keeping or sealing a Private Water System – FAQ Sheet

### Do I have to connect to public water?

- No, you can continue to use your Private Water System. Connection to Public Water is voluntary.

### What do I have to do if I want to connect to public water and seal my existing well?

- You can seal your Private Water System and operate off the Public Water Supply.
- If you choose to seal the well, a sealing permit must be obtained from the Trumbull County Combined Health District (TCCHD). Upon completion of the sealing, a copy of the well sealing report must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to the TCCHD.
- A link to the web site listing licensed Private Water Systems (PWS) well contractors is available on our website. All work must be completed by a registered contractor or you as the homeowner can register with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to seal your well. You can contact the PWS division of ODH at (614) 644-7558 if you wish to register with them.
- All work is governed by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-28-17 (B).

### Can I tie into Public Water and keep my existing well?

- Yes. The home owner will need to show the well is in compliance to keep the well and operate off the Public Water Supply.
- If you choose to show the PWS is in compliance, an Alteration Permit must be obtained from TCCHD.
- The well must be *maintained and in compliance*. Compliance means that an operating pump must be present and functioning, the well must be at least ten (10) feet from house foundation, the well casing must extend 12 inches above ground, and the well must have a secure sanitary cap.
- Demonstration of compliance must include an ability to be tested, the presence of an operational pumping system, the well must be at least ten (10) feet from house foundation, the well must be above ground, and the well must have a secure sanitary cap, and one or more of the following:
  - (a) A well log;
  - (b) A borehole video camera survey;
  - (c) A dye test, water sample; or – (Preferred)
  - (d) An assessment performed by a registered private water systems contractor or the board of health that the system meets the requirements of this chapter.
- All work governed by OAC 3701-28-17 (D) which states:

**Home owners will not need an annual permit or testing from the Health Department; however, some type of Backflow Prevention will be required and may be subject to annual backflow testing by the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineers Office.**