

ASHTABULA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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CHLORINATION PROCEDURE FOR A DRILLED WELL

1. Make a chlorine solution by mixing one (1) gallon of laundry bleach with four (4) gallons of water. **CAUTION: DO NOT USE FRESH SCENTED OR OTHER SPECIAL TYPES OF BLEACH!**
2. Pour one-half of the solution into your well, being careful not to pour it directly onto the pitless adaptor because the chlorine could damage it.
3. Open all taps and allow water to run until each tap has a faint odor of chlorine. Turn all taps off. Go back out and pour the remainder of the chlorine solution into the well.
4. Allow to stand (do not pump any water out of the well) for as long as possible. At least twelve (12) hours is recommended; overnight is usually the most convenient time.
5. Open all taps and allow water to run until the odor of chlorine disappears. **NOTE: AVOID DOING LAUNDRY FOR A FEW DAYS AS THE BLEACH CAN DISCOLOR YOUR CLOTHES.**
6. After waiting at least **48 hours** for all the chlorine to be used up, we suggest that you have your water tested. At that time you can request a sample be taken by our department. (See the appropriate fee schedule below). If the disinfection procedure is being done because of previous contamination, it is recommended that you boil your drinking water for 15 minutes prior to use until re-sampling establishes a safe water sample.

IF YOU HAVE A DUG WELL, CISTERN, POND WATER SYSTEM, ETC. PLEASE CONTACT THIS DEPARTMENT, FOR INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES ANY WEEKDAY MORNING BETWEEN 8 & 10 a.m

If you have any questions regarding the sample results or the chlorination procedure, call this office any weekday morning between 8 & 10 A.M.

<u>Type of Request</u>	<u>Appropriate Fee</u>
Residential Sample	\$35.00
Real Estate Transaction - water only	\$35.00
New Well Permit	No charge (price included with permit)
Alteration Well Permit	No charge (price included with permit)

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