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Well Bleaching Instructions:

Materials needed:

- Garden hose long enough to reach from outside faucet to well
- 2 gallons of Clorox unscented bleach
- Pliers for well cap removal
- Flashlight

1. Find out depth of your well. Possible locations include; sticker on well tank or stamped into the under side of the well cap. If no depth is available or is unknown see chart below.
 - Less than 100 ft. start with one half gallon
 - 100 ft. – 300 ft. start with 3 quarts
 - Over 300 ft. start with one gallon
2. BYPASS any water treatment systems.
3. Run hose from outside faucet to well
5. Remove well cap, move wiring connections aside
6. With a flashlight shining down the well check for a 4” diameter pipe inside well (Not all wells have this feature)
7. Pour bleach into well or inside liner (if applicable)
8. Insert end of garden hose roughly 3ft into well casing
9. Open outside faucet
10. Run water into well for ½ hr.

11. At the end of ½ hr. pull hose out of well with the water running and smell for bleach
12. If water smells like bleach skip to step number 20
13. If water does not smell like bleach place hose back in well and run for another 1/2 hr
14. At the end of second ½ hr. pull hose out of well with the water running and smell for bleach
15. If water smells like bleach skip to step number 20
16. If water still does not smell like bleach leave hose running outside of well onto the ground for ½ hr. while smelling occasionally.
17. If at the end of third 1/2hr water smells like bleach skip to step number 20
18. If water does not smell like bleach add 1 quart more bleach to well and place hose back in well and run for another ½ hr.
19. Repeat step 18 up to two more times
20. When you smell bleach, remove hose from well, place well cap back on and tighten, shut off outside faucet.
21. Go into your home and run water at each cold faucet one at a time until you smell bleach at every faucet.
22. Once cold is finished repeat same process with every hot faucet. *This process can take longer if you have a hot water tank.
23. Flush each toilet once.
24. Leave bleach water in piping for 6-8 hrs. (you can flush toilets)
25. Once the 6-8 hrs. is up hook up hose to outside faucet and run hose to a place where chlorinated water will not damage plants or lawn
26. Run this outside hose for approximately ½ hr. Then shut off hose for 1 hr. Repeat this process until you can no longer smell or taste chlorine out of the hose. This may take several days *This is for an average well. Your times will vary depending on your gallons per minute and depth of well.*
27. Run cold water faucets one at a time until you can not smell or taste chlorine. *This should take approximately five minutes at each faucet.
28. Once your finished with the cold repeat same process with every hot faucet. *Depending if you have a hot water tank it could take up to 15 minutes per faucet.
29. Call us to schedule a bacteria re-test.