

Instructions for Chlorinating Wells

1. Pour one (1) gallon of chlorine bleach (regular household bleach - Chlorox, Purex, etc.) into the well
2. Connect hosepipe to spigot nearest well and circulate the water by running the hose back to the well. Wash down the walls of the well while doing this.
3. Run each spigot, flush each toilet, etc., until you can smell the chlorine at each outlet.
4. Let this stand in the system for at least twelve (12) hours. (we recommend 24 hours).
5. Pump off until there is no chlorine odor.
6. Either bring in a sample of water in a bottle that has been in boiling water for at least 10 minutes, or call the Health Department for an environmentalist to come out to collect a sample.

NOTE Chlorination is necessary only if the results are positive. Results are known 24 hours after sampling. Please call this department then. It takes three (3) to five (5) days to remove all chlorine with normal usage.

Be sure not to let the well run more than 15-20 minutes at a time (particularly with a bored well), so as not to damage the pump.

Be cautious when using super chlorinated water for washing clothing (colored items), or personal hygiene. Super chlorination can act as an irritant. Boiling water for twenty (20) minutes will remove chlorine and also kill most bacteria should you need water for drinking purposes.

Chlorinated water from your well will not adversely affect your septic system.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Fayette County Health Department at 770-460-5730 Ext. 5415.