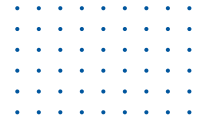




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IMPORTANT REMINDER: *The 2021-2023 renewal cycle, which allows you to drill for 2023-2025, ended on July 31, 2023. If you did not renew your license and complete your CE credits prior to this date, you are now in the INACTIVE status. To renew your license and re-claim active status, please submit your CE Certificate of Attendance forms and payment to our office and your license renewal application and fees to your respective Water Management District.*



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA WATER WELL ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Licensed Driller,

We hope you enjoy the 2023 Fall Issue of the Florida Water Well Administrator's Newsletter. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding your continuing education (CE) credits at 844-359-9238 or email us at info@flwwceu.org.

WHAT IS THE FLORIDA WATER WELL CONTRACTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM?

The Water Well Contractor Continuing Education Program is required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to implement a program of approved coursework for water well contractor licensure and license renewal.

The CE Program is designed to encourage the learning of new well drilling technologies, methods and practices, and to improve the industry's professionalism, business management practices, health and safety requirements and practices, and knowledge of the State of Florida water well contractor licensing and water well permitting and construction rules.

The continuing education requirements are intended to encourage professionals to expand their foundations of knowledge and stay up-to-date on new methods, technologies and developments.

For information on APPROVED coursework or the status of your CE credits visit www.flwwceu.org.

WHAT LICENSED WATER WELL CONTRACTORS SHOULD KNOW

WHO IS YOUR PERMITTING AUTHORITY: The five regional Water Management Districts have overall responsibility for water well permitting in Florida. However, 22 Florida Department of Health offices and 4 municipal governments perform well permitting services. To view an interactive map that shows the permitting agency name and contact information for each county in the state visit www.fgwa.org.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S RULE: It is a policy of the Legislature that the state's water resources be managed at a state and regional level. The Department of Environmental Protection, responsible for the administration of the water resources at the state level, exercises general supervisory authority over the state's five water management districts, which are responsible for the administration of the water resources at the regional level.

[Chapter 62-532, FAC](#) - General well permitting, including setbacks

[Chapter 40A-3, FAC](#) - Northwest Florida Water Management District Rule

[Chapter 40B-3, FAC](#) - Suwannee River Water Management District Rule

[Chapter 40C-3, FAC](#) - St Johns River Water Management District Rule

[Chapter 40D-3, FAC](#) - Southwest Florida Water Management District Rule

[Chapter 40E-3, FAC](#) - South Florida Water Management District Rule

WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES AND CITATIONS DICTIONARY:

The Water Well Construction Disciplinary Guidelines and Citations Dictionary establishes disciplinary guidelines and recommended fines and license points for violations of any part of Chapter 373, Part III, F.S., Chapters 62-531, 62-532, F.A.C., and the WMD rules for water well construction. The Citations Dictionary provides the Permitting Authority with specific guidance and recommendations to administer a consistent statewide enforcement program across Water Management District jurisdictional boundaries. The Citations Dictionary is adopted by rule into Rule 62-531.450, F.A.C.

WELL DELINEATED CONTAMINATION AREAS: Where available, all new dwellings and establishments constructed within the delineated areas must connect to a public water supply. However, if such is not available, a permit must be obtained for the construction of a water supply well to serve the residence or establishment. Stricter construction standards are required by the water management district to minimize potential contamination. The county health departments are responsible for the sampling and clearance of potable water wells constructed in these areas.

WATER WELL RESOURCES FOR CLIENTS & COMMUNITIES

WELL OWNER RESOURCES: Be sure to share resources that will help equip the homeowner to make sound decisions about their well. Visit <https://wellowner.org/resources/> for printable resources on:

- Well Owners Guide
- Well Planning
- Types of Wells
- Groundwater Basics
- Water Well Maintenance
 - Annual Inspections
 - Old, Unused Wells
 - Maintenance Practices
 - Working with Contractors
- Water Quality
 - Water Quality Basics
 - Water Conservation
 - Water Quality Testing
 - Contamination Concerns

PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF HIRING A LICENSED WATER WELL CONTRACTOR

Water Well Contractors should help to promote the importance of hiring a licensed professional. A qualified water well system professional possesses the knowledge, skills and equipment to meet the well construction or service needs. They can also ensure the safety and protection of the resource.