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# PROTECT DRINKING WATER WELLS

Wells are common on the peninsula. Often homeowners are unaware that an old well is on the property or that well water is connected to the home's plumbing.

- ❖ Wells may have been the primary source of water prior to connecting to the public water system.
- ❖ Wells may be used as an auxiliary source of water for a pond or irrigation system.

Wells are considered a **HIGH CROSS-CONNECTION HEALTH HAZARD**. Wells are untreated water sources which may contain bacteria, high levels of iron and manganese, dangerous levels of nitrates and arsenic, or may have infiltration from nearby septic systems. Public Water Systems are closely monitored and routinely sample for contaminants whereas private wells are not required to have routine monitoring or sampling for contaminants.

Wells are not permitted to be connected to Surfside Water or any line fed by Surfside Water.

Surfside covenant number 4.3(e) states that water wells are not permitted on lots receiving water from Surfside. Members who have a well on their lot will be required to decommission the well in accordance with WAC 173-160-381.

Members can get free assistance from the Water Department for the sampling and monitoring of private wells. Please contact April Garcia 360-783-2037.

Surfside Homeowners Association  
Cross-Connection Control Program

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**A well used for drinking water should be routinely sampled for the following:**

**Bacteria**

**Nitrates**

**Arsenic**

**Lead and Copper**

**Iron and Manganese**

**Other contaminants**



**FOR QUESTIONS  
PLEASE CONTACT**

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