



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

March 13, 2018

Comstock Township  
6138 Kings Highway, PO Box 449  
Comstock, MI 49041

RE: Water Well Plugging

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
OF COMSTOCK

Dear Comstock Township:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information regarding the discovery of a water well casing during excavation activities. Should an abandoned water well be found during these activities, please contact this office at (269) 373-5210 for direction on properly plugging the water well. The proper plugging of the well is necessary in order to protect groundwater. Please note that removing a water well during excavation is not a proper way of plugging a water well.

The Groundwater Quality Control Act (Part 127 - Act 368, Public Act 1978, as amended) states:

*Rule 325.1662 (1)* An abandoned well or dry hole shall be plugged by a well drilling contractor who is registered pursuant to the provisions of the act or by the well owner.

*Rule 325.1669 (1)* A well owner shall be responsible for the plugging of an abandoned well, except as provided in a written contract between the owner and a registered well drilling contractor.

*Rule 325.1668* The department or a health officer may order a well owner or a registered well drilling contractor to plug an abandoned well or a dry hole.

Properly plugging a water well includes:

- Plugging the well with approved materials and following procedures described in Act 368, under the Michigan Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Code. *This procedure must be completed by a registered water well driller or the water well owner. Note: Capping of a water well is not an approved plugging practice.*
- Completion of an Abandoned Well Plugging Record form available from the Kalamazoo County Environmental Health Unit.

Please see the attached sheet with photos of common water wells that you may encounter. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to request a site visit to determine possible courses of action please contact this office at (269)-373-5210. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Lucas Pols, R.E.H.S.

Environmental Health Supervisor

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## Common Water Wells:



4" Water Well



4" monitoring well



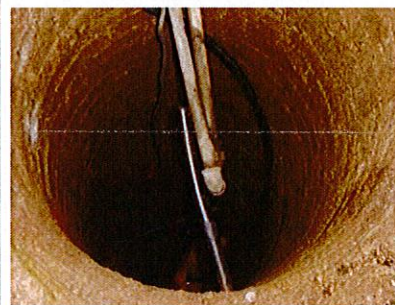
5" Water Well



Hand Pump Well



1.25" well (with jet pump) Buried Wellhead



Large Diameter Well



2" wellhead

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