

SEALING ABANDONED WELL - APPLICATION FORM

Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District

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Objective: To reduce the potential risk of any surface run-off contaminants directly entering groundwater below. Non-flowing wells will be given priority.

Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

Project legal description: (Lot #, Qtr, Sec-Twp-Rge) _____

Civic Address (driveway number & road) _____

Well Info (please complete to the best of your ability):

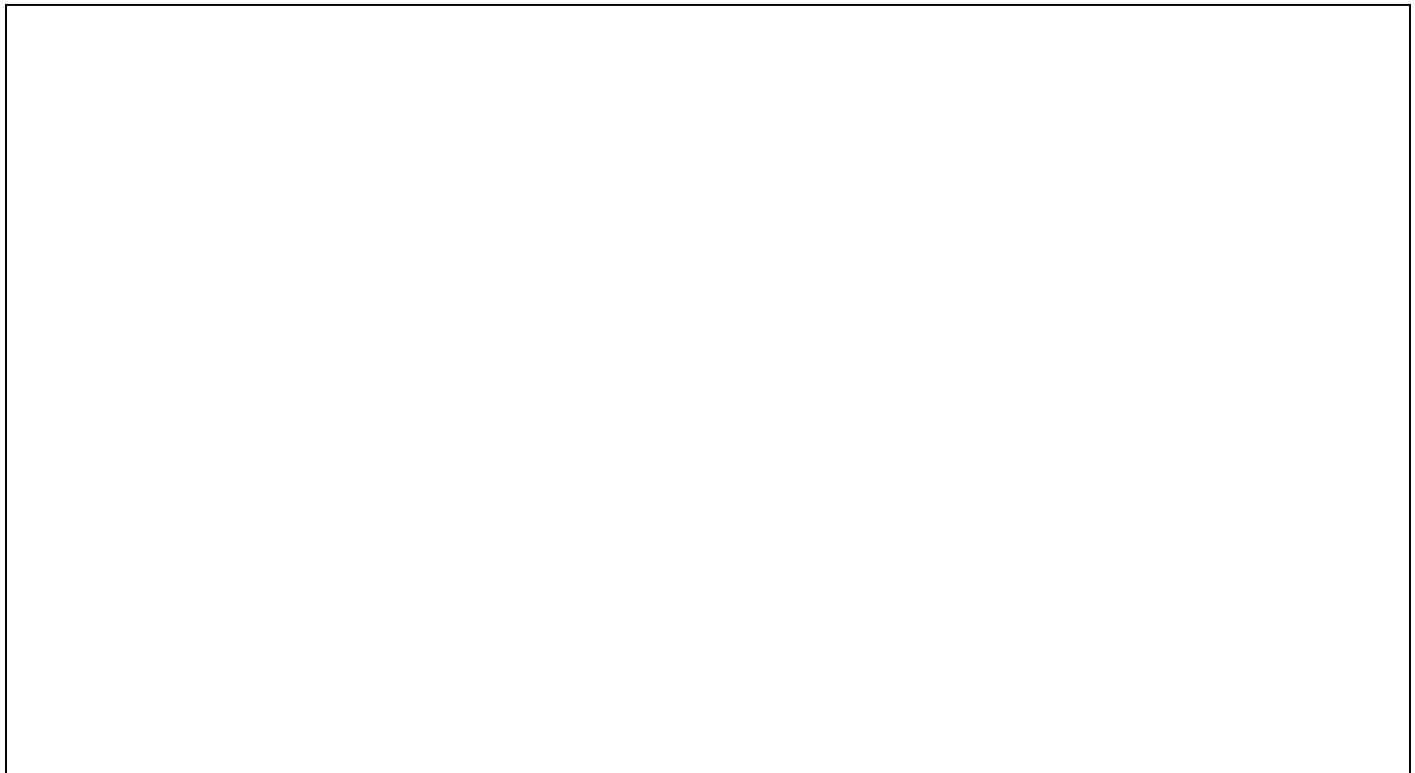
Casing type: _____ Well Depth: _____

Diameter: _____ Depth to water: _____

Cap/lid?: _____ Special considerations: _____

Well Site Sketch:

Draw approximate well location(s). Show roads, buildings, landmarks, hazards and watercourses.



The Landowner's Responsibility

According to **The Groundwater and Water Well Act**, the responsibility to seal an abandoned well rests with the owner of the land on which the well is located (the landowner). The owner must ensure the well is sealed **"in a manner that is sufficient to prevent the vertical movement of water or other substances in it"**. A well which is not currently in use but may be used for water supply purposes in the future is not considered to be abandoned as long as it is properly maintained for future use. Such wells should have proper casing stick-up and be properly capped so that no foreign materials may enter the well, but need not be permanently sealed.

The legislation governing the sealing of wells is contained in **The Groundwater and Water Well Act**, and supporting General Matters and Well Standards regulations. In some cases, landowners may properly seal an abandoned well on their own property using simple methods and materials. In other cases, proper sealing may be a complex procedure and should only be carried out by an experienced individual. In general, it is recommended that due to a landowner's lack of knowledge and experience, and difficulties that might arise during the sealing process, that a Manitoba licensed well drilling contractor or an experienced well sealer be contracted for any well sealing work

Under no circumstances can a landowner seal:

- a flowing artesian well
- an injection well
- a contaminated well
- a well containing saline water
- a well that contains any equipment (such as an old pump), debris or an obstruction that cannot be removed from the well.

These types of wells must be sealed by a licensed well drilling contractor. Any person sealing an abandoned well must adhere to the rules and standards developed for the sealing of wells. They also must fill out and submit a well sealing report.

For More Information On Well Sealing Contact:

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Groundwater Management
Province of Manitoba Sustainable Development
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For a List of Licensed Well Drilling Contractors and More Information on Well Sealing Refer to:

https://www.manitoba.ca/sd/water/groundwater/wells_groundwater/index.html

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Landowner shall:

1. Arrange a licensed well sealer to complete the well sealing work as per **The Groundwater and Water Well Act**.
2. Provide SRRWD with a detailed quote from a licensed well sealer
3. Proceed with well sealing work after approval of project by SRRWD.
4. Not alter, remove, or modify the project without written consent of the District;
5. Indemnify and save harmless the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District, their agents, engineers, servants, and/or employees from any liability which may result from this project.
6. To receive reimbursement must provide SRRWD with:
 - a. Detailed invoice and proof of payment from completed work
 - b. Copy of the Well Report submitted to the Province of Manitoba
 - c. Before and after pictures of well

The Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District shall:

1. Reimburse the landowner to a maximum of \$2000 per project, provided that the SRRWD receives from the landowner; a copy of a detailed invoice along with proof of payment, a copy of the well sealing report submitted to the Province of Manitoba, before and after pictures of well

The projects resulting from this program are subject to available annual funding. The SRRWD staff will determine application priorities on a first-come, first-serve basis. All projects must be approved by the SRRWD board prior to construction and/or installation.

I, _____ of the Rural Municipality of _____, Manitoba, hereby authorize you, your engineers, agents, and/or employees with the necessary equipment, to enter upon the aforementioned land for the purpose of abandoned well sealing. I hereby declare that I have read the Conditions and I agree to abide to the said Conditions. I further agree to cooperate with the Watershed District in this regard.

Applicant Signature

Date