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“Procedures for the Sanitation of a Private Drinking Water Well System”

1. Mix 1 to 2 gallons of household bleach with approximately the same amount of water in a plastic container. This may be done a little at a time. Use caution when mixing and **DO NOT INHALE THE FUMES!**
2. Turn off power to the pump.
3. Remove small ¼” pipe thread plug at the top of well casing and pour the bleach mixture into the well using a funnel or plastic hose.
4. Replace the plug making sure it is airtight.
5. Turn power on to the pump.
6. Turn on the faucet furthest from the well and let the water run until you can smell the chlorine, and then shut that faucet off. Repeat this procedure with each faucet outside and inside the house. This is very important; **MAKE SURE THAT YOU RUN EVERY FAUCET!!!**
7. Allow the chlorine mixture to remain in the system a minimum of 8 hours. Overnight works best.
8. After at least 8 hours, open all of the faucets and allow them to run until all of the chlorine odor has dissipated.
9. Allow the system to operate normally for a few days, and then collect another sample for retesting. Note: Collect sample from the same location as tested previously.
10. If the results of the retest are unsatisfactory, then repeat this procedure or contact the Environmental Section of your County Public Health Department for guidance.

Note: The above procedures are usually adequate to sanitize the well for an average 3 bedroom home. If your home is larger, you can increase the amount of chlorine mixture. Sediment in the well may also increase the likelihood of initial unsatisfactory results and the need to repeat the procedure.

The above guidelines were taken from the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

If I can be of further assistance feel free to give me a call at 352-538-7149.

Best Regards,

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