

How to Disinfect Your Well

1. Be sure to purchase and use non-scented, regular bleach to chlorinate your well.
2. Remove the cap from the well casing and pour 1 – 2 gallon bottles of bleach into the well.
3. Rinse down the sides of the well casing with a garden hose for at least 15 minutes. Make sure the hose is connected to the system being chlorinated. This procedure circulates the chlorine throughout the water system to insure total disinfection.
4. To disinfect your plumbing system, you can turn on each of your outside water taps connected to the well, until the bleach smell is just detected, and then turn them off.
5. Shut off the water and let the chlorine soak in the system for 24 hours. Make sure you put the cap back on the well casing.
6. Pump all of the chlorine out of the well by attaching a garden hose and running the water for 3 hours to an area where the chlorine will do no damage.
7. The water should now be safe for watering your lawn, without the possibility of it killing your grass. Be sure to run your well periodically for at least 3 days following the disinfection. Remember it's better to run your well too much, rather than not enough in order to flush the system.

