



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

7 Court Street
Belmont, NY 14813
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Application for Sanitary Survey

Service Requested (Check all that apply)

- Septic System Dye Test \$200.00
Septic & Water \$260.00
Water Only (Bacteria) \$60.00 per sample

The bacteria sample meets the minimum requirements for private water supplies in Allegany County.

- Lead \$70.00 (by request)
Nitrite \$30.00 (by request)
Nitrate \$30.00 (by request)

Property Owner Last Name First Name Phone#:

Owner's Address:

Address - Property to Inspect: Town:

Size of Lot: # of Bedrooms: Age of System: Permit #:

Is House Vacant: No Yes. If "Yes", How Long? Is Water on in House? No Yes

- 1. Must be occupied for at least thirty (30) consecutive days prior to inspection
2. Septic tank must be uncovered (Inlet, Center, Outlet) before survey can be conducted
3. **DO NOT pump the septic tank prior to inspection**
4. Make sure all wastewater lines are connected to the main house sewer and septic tank. Any/All plumbing changes need to be made at least 30 days prior to inspection.

Prospective Buyer Last Name: First Name: Phone#:

Prospective Buyer's Address:

Person to Contact for Appointment: Phone #:

Send Survey Copies To: Name Fax and/or E-mail (Please fill out all that apply)

Name: Phone #:

Email:

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Water Sample Test Results: Bacterial Contamination Indicated: Yes
No Municipal

Remarks: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Health Department Representative / Inspector

The above opinions are the professional judgment of the inspector. The applicant agrees that Allegany County and its employees shall be held free and harmless for the premature failure of this septic system and any liability that may result from such failure.

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Keep this page for your records. If your water sample is unsatisfactory, these steps may help to clear the issue. If not, a water specialist may be able to assist you. The Allegany County Department of Health and its authorized representatives are the only agents authorized to conduct water sampling for property transfers. Please contact this office for authorized agents.

Private Well/Spring Disinfection Procedures:

1. Pump well until water is clear. For a spring, determine capacity (water volume).
2. Pour bleach (5.25%) in the well (approximately 3 cups of Clorox per 100' of standing water in a 6 inch casing is recommended dosage). For a spring, use 2 quarts per 100 gallons of capacity.
3. Using the garden hose re-circulate the water back into the top of the well casing for 15-20 minutes to flush the sides of the well casing from the top down to clean the well casing at the static line (the static line is where the water rises and falls in the well when the pump kicks on and off) because this is where most of the bacteria forms in the well-do not skip this step if at all possible
4. Let the water run until a chlorine odor appears at all taps, then close the taps. If a chlorine odor is not apparent, repeat Steps 2 through 4 until the chlorine odor appears. For a spring, pre-mix and add more chlorine solution to the spring chamber or tank based on how much water you flushed out of the taps.
5. If possible, use the garden hose to flush the system out-pump the water to waste away from grass or shrubbery. **Note: Pumping the water through the lines in the house may cause the lines, screens, and faucet aerators to become plugged with debris.** It should take approximately 1-3 hours for the average well to be cleared of the chlorine. Remove all faucet aerators, screen, or filters because they can contain sediment and may reduce pressure. Turn on all the faucets to clear the chlorine from the lines. Do not run the water long enough to run the well dry. Do this process in steps if necessary to allow the well to recover. If you do run the well dry, turn the circuit breaker off to your pump until the water recovers. For a spring, flush to remove all chlorine to an outside ditch, away from lawn or shrubbery.
6. Let the well stand idle for 2-3 hours and open all faucets again for 5-10 minutes. Note that low levels of chlorine may persist for 7-10 days in a low enough quantity that is safe for consumption.
7. Contact the Health Department at (585-268-9250) or Kimberly.Middaugh@alleganyco.gov for an appointment to resample the well water **10 days** after the date of disinfection.