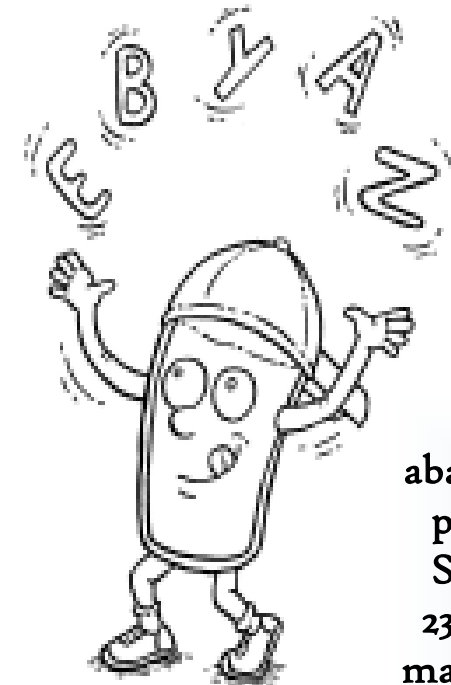




Protect Your Drinking Water: Plug Abandoned Wells

What is an abandoned well?

There is a proper way to plug an abandoned well!
For more information,
call the County Health
Department at
(231) 873-2193.



Source of graphics: EGLE and US EPA

This abandoned
well is in a
basement!!!!

If you have an
abandoned well on your
property, contact the
Shelby Township at:
231-861-5853. Funding
may be available to plug
the well!



- ✓ A well that has not been in use for several years.
- ✓ A well that is in such disrepair that it cannot be used.
- ✓ A well that has been left uncompleted.
- ✓ A well that is a threat to groundwater resources or may be a health or safety hazard.



Why are these wells dangerous?

Safety Hazard—Each year the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) receives reports of people, mostly children, falling into old wells. Injury or death may result.

Health Hazard—Abandoned wells allow contaminants to move from the surface into deeper aquifers. Drinking water wells have been contaminated by abandoned wells.

Environmental Hazard—Deteriorating well casings or open, uncased boreholes allow movement of water between previously separated aquifers. This can degrade water quality. Abandoned wells have also been used for illegal dumping of waste.



Word Scramble



All living things need _____ to live.
TWAER

When water evaporates, it goes up into the air and becomes part of a _____.
LODCU

Less than 1% of all the water on earth is _____ water.
SHEFR

Michigan has over ONE million _____ wells.
DNENADOAB

Michigan leads the nation in the number of new wells _____ annually.
DILEDRL

According to Michigan law, _____ are responsible for plugging abandoned wells.
WHOEOMENRS