

# NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS CONNECTING TO PUBLIC WATER

The Medina County Health Department would like to make homeowners aware of some important changes made to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3701-28, which came into effect on January 1, 2020, and affects Private Water Systems existing on your property.

If you are planning on connecting to public water, you must do one of the following to either seal, decommission or keep the existing private water system located on your property:

*A Private Water Systems contractor is registered and bonded by the Ohio Department of Health and may not be on the Medina County Sanitary Engineer's contractor list.*

**If you wish to permanently seal or decommission the Private Water System:**

- A **Private Water Systems Contractor** must obtain a **Sealing (well)/Decommission (cistern, pond, hauled water storage tanks) Permit** from the Medina County Health Department
- Medina County Health Department will inspect to make sure the water system was properly sealed or decommissioned.

**If you wish to keep a well:**

- A **Private Water Systems Contractor** must obtain an **Alteration Permit**  
The well must be maintained in compliance with OAC Chapter 3701-28. Demonstration of compliance must include the ability to test the Private Water System, the presence of an operational pumping system and one or more of the following:
  - (a) A well log;
  - (b) A borehole video camera survey;
  - (c) A dye test, water sample; or
  - (d) An assessment performed by a registered private water systems contractor or by the Medina County Health Department that the system meets the requirements of OAC Chapter 3701-28.

**If you wish to keep a Cistern, Hauled Water Tank, Spring, or Pond system for Non-Potable Use:**

- A **Private Water Systems Contractor** must obtain an **Alteration Permit** from the Medina County Health Department
  - (a) Must have an operational pumping system
  - (b) Provide no physical cross connection to another water system
  - (c) Water system is not required to have disinfection equipment
  - Medina County Health Department will inspect to make sure the water system was properly disconnected

If you have any questions, or would like a list of licensed Private Water System Contractors, please call 330-723-9523 or email us at [env@medinahealth.org](mailto:env@medinahealth.org)

