

The water well house on your property contains several components to operate the system. The well head, a pressure tank, and the electrical controls are usually located within the well house.

The main water line to your home has been buried underground.

You'll want to locate the main cut off valve to your water supply, located in the well house. You can use the cut off valve to stop water flow to your house if you detect a leak or if you need to make plumbing repairs. You'll also want to identify the electrical controls for the well pump both in the well house and on the power supply pole.

Thunderstorms and other power surges can cause your well pump to stop working. If you're not getting water in your home, check the well pump breaker box. Flip the switch to off and then on, and check whether the pump is working. If you have flipped the breaker, and the well still isn't working, it may be out of water, or the pump motor could be broken. You'll need a knowledgeable repair person to diagnose and fix the problem. To maximize the life expectancy of your system, you'll want to weatherize the well house. During cold weather, protect the water pipes from freezing by placing heat lamps inside the well house, or wrap the exposed pipes with insulating materials.

Keep the well house clean and free of pests. Maintain the structure of the building to protect the tank and well controls. Keep the well house door closed and secured. Small children and animals could get trapped inside. Do not stack heavy objects on top of the well house, and do not store any chemicals in or around it. Keep livestock and large pet kennels away from the well by at least one hundred feet to avoid contamination of your water supply.