

**Where Can I Drill?**  
**How Much Can I Pump?**

The District's spacing rules are only applicable for permitted wells. So, there is not a District rule for exempt wells regarding spacing from property lines or existing wells. However, if your new well is closer than 50 ft. to the property line, be aware that special well construction standards are applicable.

Frequently, new wells are located near homes, which means they are also located near septic systems or other possible sources of contamination. Your water well driller should be familiar with State rules concerning the spacing of water wells from possible sources of contamination.

You may only pump up to 25,000 gallons per day (17.4 gpm) using a new well registration. If you need more water than this limited production, you **MUST** apply for a water well permit.

**WATER CONSERVATION—Making the most efficient use of our precious water resources.**

*Water Well  
Registration  
Requirements*



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## **Why Do I Need a Well Registration?**

Any new well exempt from permitting must be registered by the owner prior to drilling. Generally, this means that any new well that produces less than 25,000 gallons per day (17.4 gpm) is exempt from permitting. Typically, such uses of groundwater include domestic, livestock, wildlife watering, and gardening. Registrations are required for several reasons. First, it is important that the District keep records of all wells that are drilled. Registration is an easy way of accomplishing this task. Secondly, a new water well is an investment. The registration process allows the District to communicate any issues at your proposed well site. This helps ensure that your new water well is located in a suitable place.

## **What is the Process?**

A check list of certain items is included within this brochure and provides greater detail of the registration process. However, a short summary is shown below:

- Fill out registration application
- Submit deposit
- Complete the well construction
- Return registration and any other supporting documents to District office within 4 months of application

## **Submitting a Well Registration Application**

How long will it take to complete the well registration application? It should not take long, provided that you have the required information. You must submit the following:

- \$250 deposit
- Block and section on which proposed well will be drilled
- Name of driller  
(driller is required to be registered with District)
- Notarized Power of Attorney (if application is issued to person other than landowner)
- Location of proposed well (300' tape available for accurate measurements)



## **What About my Deposit?**

Deposits are required when constructing a new well. The deposit is fully refundable provided that you follow the rules. The requirements for registration deposit refund are:

- Complete registration application BEFORE drilling begins
- Complete the work and return registration within 4 months
- Make sure well is properly constructed, and equipped with a PUMP or an APPROVED CAP.
- Submit State of Texas well report within 4 months
- Are you drilling beneath the Ogallala? A water sample must be submitted to the office (Rule 10.2(c))

## **Your Site will be Inspected**

The District verifies the location and completion of all wells. Do not be alarmed if you see a District employee at your well site. Generally, an inspection only takes a small amount of time, and is performed only after the registration and well report are returned.