

## **CHLORINATING YOUR WELL/SPRING**

1. Locate well casing or collection box.
2. Add ½ gallon of household bleach to shallow well or collection box; or 1 gallon to deep well (over 100' deep). Measurements may vary depending on size and depth of well.
3. If possible, use garden hose attached to outside faucet, (same water system). Place hose 2' into well casing and turn on water. This is to re-circulate the chlorinated water. Do this for about 1 hour. If you cannot use a hose, mix the bleach in 5 gallons of water and pour into the well.
4. Remove the hose and replace the lid with sanitary seal. Check for cracks. Turn off outside hose.
5. Go into home and turn on all faucets until you smell chlorine.
6. Turn off faucets and allow chlorine to sit in lines for a minimum of 8 hours which is contact time to kill bacteria.
7. After contact time, flush out chlorine **THOROUGHLY** by running water for 3 to 4 hours onto the grass. **DO NOT** run through the house into the septic system. Then turn on home faucets for 5 to 10 minutes allowing chlorine to flush out of the faucets. Caution: Not completely flushing out chlorine may cause health effects or bleach out laundry.
8. Wait 4 days and re-test water.