

# Well Decommissioning

( *Capping Abandoned and Unused Wells* )

Grant Rate	Maximum Grant
75%	\$1,000

## Rationale:

Prevents contamination of groundwater, and protects adjacent wells. Decommissioning prevents surface contaminants from using old wells as a pathway to easily enter the groundwater unfiltered.

Common contamination sources include; septic systems, barnyard runoff, bacteria, fertilizers, pesticides, oils and fuel.

## Eligible Projects:

- Decommissioning of unused wells by a MOE licensed contractor.

## Conditions:

- Must use a MOE licensed contractor
- Must comply with MOE procedures for plugging or abandoning unused water well in accordance to Ontario Regulation 903.
- Submit a copy of the MOE water well record that your contractor gives you:
  - Keep your original with your deed
  - Written permission of the landowner(s) must be given on the grant application and the agreement.

## Eligible Costs

- Licensed contractor fees.
- Materials and contract labour from registered businesses.
- Any labour or materials associated with proper well plugging procedures.

## Ineligible Costs:

- **Well decommissioning/plugging by an unlicensed person will VOID the grant**
- Well pumps, water purification and/or treatment systems.
- Drilling of new wells.
- Upgrading existing wells

## Legislation:

- *Please note that aside from the health risk and liability associated with not properly decommissioning unused wells, Ontario Regulation 903 requires that all unused wells be decommissioned and a well record filed with the MOE (your contractor will do this).*



*This unused well is both a potential safety and health risk to the landowner, and adjacent well users.*