



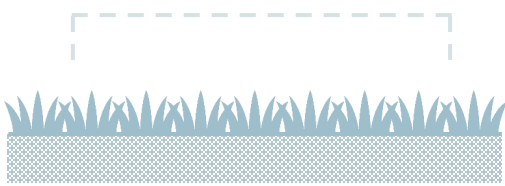
## NOTE

This information applies to **private wells only**. Contact the Center for Drinking Water Quality (DWQ) about requirements for wells that serve public water systems or other businesses.

## PHASE 1: PLAN

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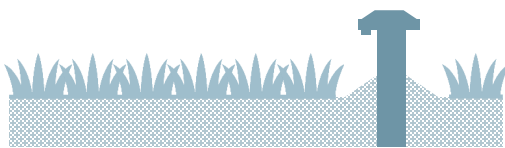


- ▶ Check the various **state regulations** for requirements about well types, setback distances, etc., that may be relevant.
  - ▶ Rhode Island Department of Health Private Well regulations: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/216-50-05-2>
  - ▶ Rhode Island State Building Code: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/organizations/subchapter/510-00-00>
  - ▶ Rhode Island Contractors' Board well regulations: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/440-10-00-6>
  - ▶ Rhode Island DEM Onsite Wastewater/Septic regulations: <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/250-150-10-6>
- If the well will be near a body of water (e.g., a river, the ocean):**  
Contact Coastal Resources to see if their regulations also apply. [www.crmc.ri.gov](http://www.crmc.ri.gov)
- ▶ Contact the town to see if there are well regulations in the **local code** and ask if you'll need a permit.

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## PHASE 2: DRILL

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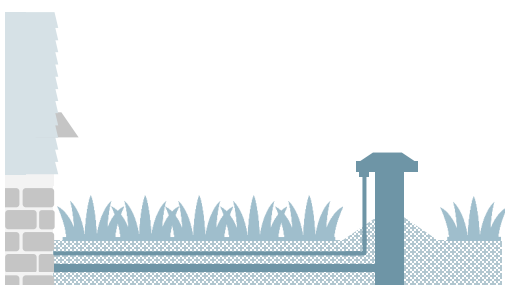


- ▶ Hire a **licensed well driller** registered in Rhode Island whose license is active and in good standing.  
Find drillers and check licenses on the Contractors' board website: [www.crb.ri.gov](http://www.crb.ri.gov)
- ▶ Submit the **Well Completion Report** to DWQ within 10 days of installing the well, even if it hasn't been connected to anything yet.  
**NOTE:** This is typically done by the driller, and copies also go to: a) the driller themselves, b) the homeowner, and c) the town.

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## PHASE 3: CONNECT



- ▶ When plumbing is complete and the well is connected, **test the water** at a certified laboratory.  
The sample must be **raw water** (no filter or treatment). It must be from an **indoor tap** that will be used for drinking/cooking, after not using the water for **6 hours**.  
The list of required tests is in section §2.12.2 of the Private Well Program regulations in Phase 1 above.  
**NOTE:** Extra testing is recommended in some areas of the state. Use our online map to check your address: <https://arcg.is/0ruXGb>
- ▶ Submit the test results to the **local building official**, who can approve or require follow-up steps in order to issue the Certificate of Occupancy.