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CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RECOGNIZES NATIONAL GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK: MARCH 6-12

HARTFORD – In conjunction with National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 6-12, 2016, the Department of Public Health asks Connecticut residents with a private well to take some time to locate their well, inspect it for structural problems, elevate surrounding land around the well to protect from contamination, and most importantly, have the well water tested.

Thousands of Connecticut residents rely on groundwater supplies every day. Approximately 23% of the state's population is served by their own private residential well.

Homeowners with their own private wells use groundwater every day for drinking, cooking, bathing, cleaning, agriculture, cooling and heating. Water plays an essential role in everyone's life but, many are not aware how much of their water comes from the ground. National Groundwater Awareness Week is an annual observance sponsored by the [National Ground Water Association](#) (NGWA) that stresses how important groundwater is to the health of all people and the environment.

For more information on what to look for when inspecting your well, what you should have your water tested for and how often to test, and common well contaminants and water treatment options, please check out the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health's Private Well Program website at: www.ct.gov/dph/privatewells.

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