



Private Water Wells

Western does not regulate or permit private domestic, irrigation, or agricultural water wells. In Western's retail service area, these wells are permitted by the [Riverside County Department of Environmental Health's Water Division](#). Permits are required for the construction and/or destruction of all water wells.



Helpful information about private water wells, their construction, and ongoing testing is available from the [California State Department of Water Resources](#).

The California State Water Resources Control Board also publishes a [handy 20-page fact sheet](#) for private well owners in PDF format.

Important!

California Department of Public Health regulations and Western Municipal Water District *Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service* both require that [backflow prevention devices](#) be installed on any domestic water service, at customer expense, whenever a well (private domestic or agricultural) is located on the same site. Please contact Maria Belman at (951) 789-5115 or mbelman@wmwd.com for more information.