
Water Well Improvement Program – Wellhead Protection Project Guidelines

1.0 Purpose:

To reduce the risk of well water contamination by implementing proper construction/maintenance practices and safeguards for existing wells.

2.0 Cost Share Details:

Tier 1: Outside a Municipal Drinking Water Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA)
Approved projects funded at 80% up to a maximum of \$750 per well.

Tier 2: Within a Municipal Drinking Water Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA)
Approved projects funded at 80% up to a maximum of \$1,500 per well.

All farm properties must complete or have an active Environmental Farm Plan to be eligible for funding.

To find out if your property is located within a WHPA area, use the Source Protection Information Atlas (interactive mapping tool) here: <https://swpip.ca/>

3.0 Eligible Projects:

The following well upgrade projects are eligible for funding:

- Installing a pitless adaptor and filling drilled well pits
- Grading and permanently seeding soil surface to divert water away from well head.
- Sealing annular space around well casing.
- Upgrading or replacement of casing.
- Extending well casing to 16" (40 cm) above finished ground level.
- Installing proper well head caps (vermin proof)
- All other upgrades will be reviewed and evaluated on a case-by-case basis

Please complete an application form, found on our website, to initiate the funding process.

4.0 Additional Project Details:

Please ensure that your well upgrade project:

- Complies with Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks procedures for water well upgrades or alterations (R.R.O. 1990: Wells, Ontario Regulation 903); and

- Is completed by a licensed well contractor that can provide you with a completed Well Record to document the upgrade; this Well Record must be submitted upon completion of the work before you receive any funding.

Where possible, please provide a copy of the existing well record prior to upgrading.

5.0 Expenses and Program Funding Specifics:

All labour and material costs incurred from retaining a licensed well contractor are eligible under this program. However, personal expenses (i.e., use of personal equipment or a personal business) to upgrade a well will not be considered. Well upgrades in buildings or the replacement of well pumps and/or water purification and treatment systems are not eligible for funding.

Additionally, funding will not be paid on HST if the applicant receives an HST rebate.

Please note that this funding may be combined with other funding sources provided that the total combined grant money does not exceed 100 percent of the total project expense.

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