



## **OPTIONS FOR DISCONNECTING PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES AND WELLS**

### **Attention: Owner/Occupant**

**The City of Kitchener wishes to advise you of your responsibilities in regards to the protection of safe drinking water both in the public water main and within your premises.**

Part of this initiative is the enactment of Bylaw 2013-115, being a directive to regulate the interconnection of public and private water systems.

From section 3. (a), “...**No person or owner shall connect, cause to be connected or allow to remain connected to the City’s water supply or any other potable water system, any piping, fixture...machine, in a manner which may under any circumstance allow water...to enter such supply...except in compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw.**”

A private well, defined as an ‘auxiliary water supply’ in the Bylaw, may not remain interconnected to the City’s water system.

**The three options for compliance with the Bylaw are as follows;**

- 1. The existing private well *must be decommissioned according to Ministry of Environment guidelines or***
- 2. All piping, pumps, equipment and/or appurtenances serving the private well system *must be removed from within the building which houses the City’s water supply and meter.***
- 3. If the private water system piping, pumps, equipment etc. are to remain in the same building as the City water supply then *a Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Preventer must be installed and annually inspected/tested.* This safety valve, which allows flow in one direction only, *shall be readily accessible and located immediately downstream of the City’s water meter.***

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***The City of Kitchener wishes to thank you for your efforts in maintaining safe drinking water for all residents***