



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