# DISINFECTING YOUR WELL IN 5 EASY STEPS

## 1. Flush the system.

• Let your water run until it appears clear.

#### 2. Chlorinate the well.

 Add bleach directly into your well according to the chart and diagrams on the back of this page.

### 3. Mix the bleach with the well water.

- Attach a hose to the nearest spigot and run the water onto the ground for 1-2 minutes. Then, run the water back into the well for 15-20 minutes.
- Turn off the hose and replace the well cap, plug, or vent—wherever you added the bleach.

#### 4. Chlorinate the lines.

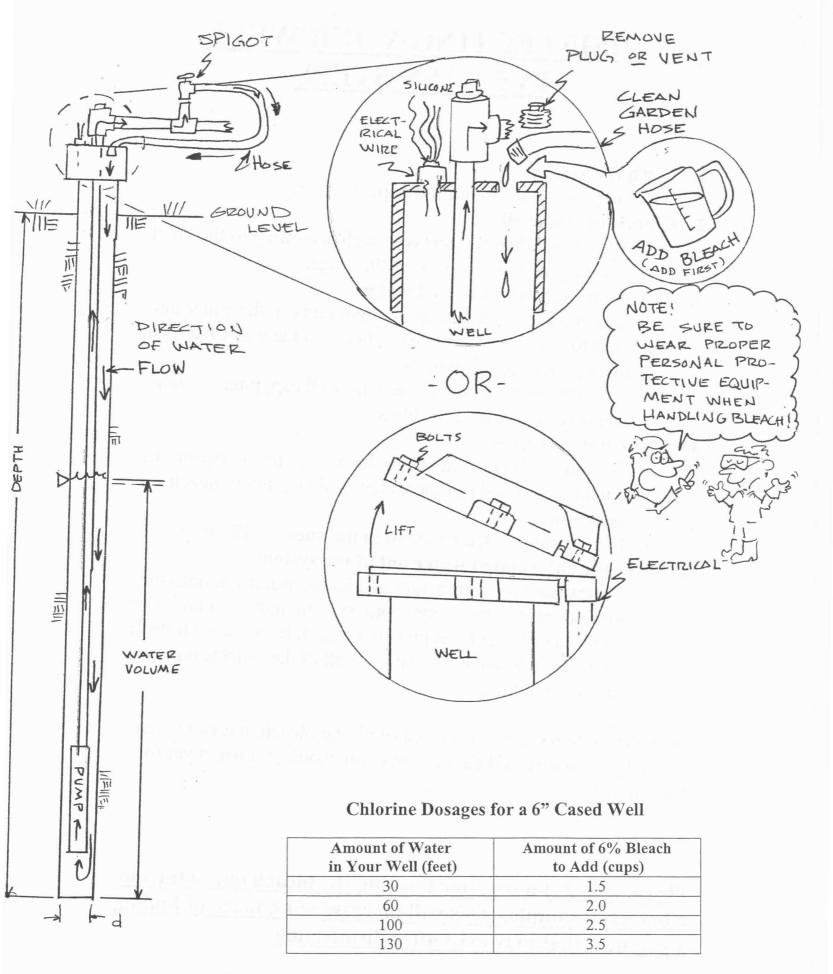
- Turn on each tap attached to the well (kitchen, bathroom, outside, etc.) and run the water until you smell bleach, then turn it off.
- Let the chlorinated water sit in the lines for 12 hours.

## 5. Flush the chlorinated water out of the system.

- Choose any outdoor spigot and let the water run onto the ground, away from your septic system, until you no longer smell bleach. This empties the bleach from the well itself.
- Then, go into the house and run all of the faucets until you don't smell bleach.

Once the system has been flushed of all the bleach, the water can be used for laundry and bathing, but you should not use it yet for drinking, etc.

Please wait 3-4 days after flushing the bleach out to turn in a bacterial sample. This will increase our chance of finding a problem that may exist after disinfecting.



IF YOU HAVE A HAND DUG WELL, PLEASE CALL THE LAB AT 740-1231 OR 740-1237 FOR THE AMOUNT OF BLEACH TO ADD.