

## Private Wells and Public Water Supply Protection - Useful web pages from MassDEP Drinking Water Program and others:

- Main MassDEP Drinking Water Program web page regarding private well information located at <https://www.mass.gov/private-wells> where you will find:
  - Private Well Guidelines
  - Templates for boards of health
  - Fact sheets on multiple topics
- Board of Health information from MassDEP Drinking Water Program (covers all drinking water topics) available at <https://www.mass.gov/lists/drinking-water-information-for-boards-of-health>  
Private well-specific information includes:
  - Model Board of Health Regulations for Private Wells
  - Templates for boards of health (yes, you can find these at both of the above links)
  - Annual BOH Letters, current and previous letters have many links to resources and information on how BOH can protect public water systems .
- PFAS general information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>
  - This provides general information regarding PFAS (not just Drinking Water Program content). Go to the top URL above to find the fact sheet that specifically addresses PFAS in private wells in greater detail than this general information page.
- Be Well Informed – web application that allows a well owner to enter their lab results and obtain information regarding applicable public drinking water standards, health effects, and treatment options: <https://bewellinformed.info/workbench>
- Find Well Completion reports: go to the EEA Data Portal at: <https://eeadev.eea.state.ma.us/eea/portal/#!/home>
  - Scroll to near the bottom of page and click on the orange box titled “see all data search categories”
  - Click on “well drilling”
  - You don’t have to fill in every field but you should at least select from the “city/town” dropdown menu field to narrow your search
  - After completing as much of the form as you wish, click on the orange “search” button.
  - The results of your search will display and you can obtain the Well Completion Report by clicking on the orange “Well ID” number in the far left column
  - you also have the option to download the results as an Excel file to allow for more efficient filtering of results.
- [Groundwater, Wellhead Protection, and Surface Water Supplies | Mass.gov](#) – Model Groundwater Protection BOH Regulation for protecting public water supply Zone IIs and for complying with the Wellhead Protection Regulations 310 CMR 22.21(2). Note: model can be modified.

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