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To All Medina County Water Purveyors

Due to changes to the Ohio Private Water System (PWS) rules, Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-28, that took effect on January 1, 2020, we have updated our notice to homeowners that wish to connect to a public water system and currently have a PWS on their property. Private Water Systems can be wells, cisterns, hauled water storage tanks, ponds, and springs. The new rule package made changes as to how these private water systems can either be kept on the property or are to be properly abandoned or decommissioned. The updated Notice is attached and reflects these code changes. Please be sure to hand this notice out to those residents who already have a PWS on their property, so they will understand what must happen with the existing potable water source to be in compliance with these rules.

If you should have questions concerning this notice, please feel free to contact me weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm at (330) 723-9523.

Sincerely,

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# NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS CONNECTING TO PUBLIC WATER

The Medina County Health Department would like to make homeowners aware of some important changes made to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3701-28, which came into effect on January 1, 2020, and affects Private Water Systems existing on your property.

If you are planning on connecting to public water, you must do one of the following to either abandon or keep the existing private water system located on your property:

**If you wish to permanently abandon or decommission the Private Water System:**

- Have a Private Water Systems Contractor obtain a Sealing (well)/Decommission (cistern, pond, hauled water storage tanks) Permit from the Medina County Health Department
- Medina County Health Department will inspect to make sure the water system was properly abandoned or decommissioned

**If you wish to keep a well:**

- Obtain an Alteration Permit from the Medina County Health Department.
- The well must be maintained in compliance with OAC Chapter 3701-28. Demonstration of compliance must include the ability to test the Private Water System, the presence of an operational pumping system and one or more of the following:
  - (a) A well log;
  - (b) A borehole video camera survey;
  - (c) A dye test, water sample; or
  - (d) An assessment performed by a registered private water systems contractor or by the Medina County Health Department that the system meets the requirements of OAC Chapter 3701-28.

**If you wish to keep a Cistern, Hauled Water Tank, Spring, or Pond system for Non-Potable Use:**

Obtain an Alteration Disconnection Permit from the Medina County Health Department

- (a) Must have an operational pumping system
- (b) Provide no physical cross connection to another water system
- (c) Water system is not required to have disinfection equipment
  - Medina County Health Department will inspect to make sure the water system was properly disconnected

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Mazak, R.S. - Supervisor, Sewage, Water, and Plumbing Programs, Medina County Health Department, at 330-723-9523.

