#### Construction of A Private Well

Start here: Town of Sharon Board of Health Private Well Regulations

Are you looking to install an irrigation well or private drinking water well? The Sharon Board of Health is the Department that oversees the installation and testing of each private well in Town. How do you begin? Follow the steps and resources below.

## Step 1 - Apply

Owner's – Apply on our website through the online permitting software – Well Permitting

## Step 2 - Drill

Well drillers are regulated and certified by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) through its <u>"Well Drillers Program."</u>

For the complete list of MA DEP certified well drillers, click here.

# Step 3 – Test

What do you have to test for?

The Private Well Regulations details all required analytes.

#### What laboratory do I use?

Find a State-certified laboratory <u>here</u>.

Here are some "tricks" when entering your search criteria...

Don't specify lab name OR ID

State: Massachusetts Region: Your preference

Don't specify analyte, method, rule code

Matrix: Potable (Drinking Water)

The Town of Sharon Board of Health recommends that Private Well Owners have their well water tested annually.

### **Additional Resources**

If you are looking to understand the result of your recent water testing, the MA DEP provides Homeowners with the online program entitled "Be Well Informed" hosted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Learn more and be able to access this online tool at the following <a href="link">link</a>.

#### Did you know?

If you are using your well as a supply for potable drinking water you are PROHIBITED from also being connected to the Town's water distribution system.