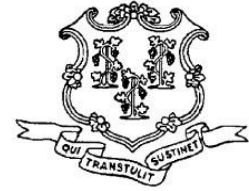


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## **Connecticut Department of Public Health Recognizes National Groundwater Awareness Week: March 5-11**

**HARTFORD** – In conjunction with National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 5-11, 2017, the Department of Public Health asks Connecticut residents with a private well to take some time to locate their well, [inspect it for structural problems](#), protect it from contamination, and most importantly, [test the well's water quality](#).

Thousands of Connecticut residents rely on groundwater supplies every day: Approximately 23% of Connecticut's population is served by their own private residential well, that's over 820,000 people!

Homeowners with private wells use groundwater every day for drinking, cooking, bathing, cleaning, agriculture, cooling and heating. Water plays an essential role in everyone's life but, many are not aware how much of their water comes from the ground. National Groundwater Awareness Week is an annual observance sponsored by the [National Ground Water Association](#) (NGWA) that stresses how important groundwater is to the health of all people and the environment.

For more information on what to look for when inspecting your well, what you should have your water tested for, how often to test, common well contaminants and water treatment options, please check out the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health's Private Well Program website at: [www.ct.gov/dph/privatewells](http://www.ct.gov/dph/privatewells).

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