

New Well Packet

This packet was assembled to assist well drillers and well owners complete the required actions related to new water wells drilled within Refugio County and contains the following items:

1. A blank **Notice of Intent to Drill a Well** to be filled out and submitted to the district by the well driller before the new well is drilled; and
2. A blank **Application to Register a Well** to be filled out by the well owner and submitted to the district along with the well driller's log after the new well is completed.

The rules of the district, including regulations related to drilling and operating water wells within Refugio County can be located at <https://rgcd.org/groundwater-policy.html>.

Note 1: the district strongly encourages well drillers and well owners to discuss appropriate methods for constructing the proposed well, including methods of sealing of the annular space between the well casing and the borehole, to adhere to state and local regulations while protecting groundwater from surface contamination and the potential of commingling of undesirable water with desirable water through the well.

Note 2: the district encourages well drillers and well owners to review the well spacing requirements established within the rules of the district prior to initiating well drilling activities.

Note 3: the district encourages well owners to review the following definitions:

EXEMPT USE means the use or operation of a well or set of wells for exempt-use purposes.

EXEMPT-USE PURPOSES means:

1. producing groundwater for domestic use purposes;
2. producing groundwater for livestock or poultry watering purposes;
3. producing groundwater for firefighting purposes; or
4. producing groundwater for groundwater monitoring purposes in a volume that does not exceed five thousand gallons (5,000 gallons) of water per year.

EXEMPT-USE WELL means a well used solely for exempt-use purposes.

Note 4: the district requires well owners that use a water well for any purpose other than exempt-use purposes (as defined above) to possess a valid production permit from the district.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DRILL A WELL

Submit this notice to the district at least 2 hours before commencing drilling activities.

Item 1: Specify the name, address, and license number of the person drilling the well:

Item 2: Specify name and address of the person that will own the subject well:

Item 3: Specify the geographic coordinate of the subject well:

Latitude: _____ N, Longitude: _____ W

Item 4: Specify the date the well drilling activities will commence:

Item 5: Required Statement and Signature of the Person Drilling the Well:

I certify, under penalty of law, that the person that will own the subject well was notified of the of the existence of rules and regulations established by the district related to well spacing, limitations for producing groundwater for non-exempt-use purposes, registration of non-grandfathered and replacement wells, and permitting of groundwater production for non-exempt-use purposes.

Signature of the Person Drilling the Well

Date of Signature

Item 6: Required Signature of Well Owner:

Signature of Well Owner or Authorized Agent

Date of Signature

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APPLICATION TO REGISTER A WELL

Submit this application register or update the registration of an existing well.

Item 1: Specify the name and mailing address of the applicant:

Item 2: Specify the name and mailing address of the person that owns the subject well:

Item 3: Specify the geographic coordinate of the subject well:

Item 4: Specify the date the subject well was constructed:

Item 5: Specify the purpose of use of the produced groundwater from the subject well:

Item 6: Specify the maximum production rate of the subject well expressed in gallons-per-minute:

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Item 7: Specify the name and mailing address of the individual or entity authorized to serve as the legal agent of the well owner regarding all matters related to physical access of the subject water well:

Item 8: Specify the name and mailing address of the individual or entity authorized to serve as the legal agent of the well owner regarding all matters related to submittal of reports associated with the subject water well:

Item 8: Specify the name and mailing address of the individual or entity authorized to serve as the legal agent of the well owner regarding all matters related to permitting matters associated with the subject water well:

Item 9: Required Statements and Signature of the Applicant:

I certify, under penalty of law, that the well owner possesses the legal authority to produce groundwater resources from the subject well; and

I certify, under penalty of law, that the information reported on and attached to the application was prepared under the direction or supervision of the applicant and is, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the applicant, true, accurate and complete; and

I certify, under penalty of law, that the subject well shall be operated in accordance with the rules of the district and regulations of the State of Texas.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Signature

Note 1: The applicant is encouraged to attach any written waivers obtained from other landowners or owners of groundwater resources in connection with drilling of the subject well to this application.

Note 2: The district may request additional information not requested in this application in order to evaluate the request relative to the rules of the district.