

Why are all new wells prohibited?

- In the 1900s, Greeley's groundwater quality was poor. The city wanted residents to have safe water, so it created ordinances that prohibited residents from using wells for domestic purposes. This rule is still in place today because the groundwater quality has not improved, and the city is expected to grow. The amended ordinance bans all new wells and requires residents to register existing wells with the city to ensure safe, reliable drinking water for everyone.

What is the difference between domestic and agriculture wells?

- A domestic well is used for household water, like drinking, cooking, and indoor activities. An agricultural well is used for watering crops, livestock, or other animals.

Why can't I keep my domestic use well?

- The groundwater in Greeley has been poor quality for drinking because of a shallow water table. This water has high levels of nitrates, which come from fertilizers, manure, and waste. Nitrates can harm your health, which is why the city doesn't allow wells for drinking water.

What do I have to do with my existing well?

- You need to register your well with the City of Greeley Water and Sewer Department. If you have an agricultural well, you can still use it, but if you have a domestic well, you must disconnect and abandon it within 90 days.

How do I register my well?

- You can find the Well Registration Form on the City of Greeley's website at greeleygov.com/water-quality. If you have any questions, contact Joe Kunovic at 970-350-9363 or Joseph.Kunovic@greeleygov.com.

How do I find the information regarding the well on my property?

- Your well should have been registered with the Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) when it was installed. You can search for your well's information using the DWR Well Map Viewer at: [DWR Well Map Viewer](#). You can also check the Weld County Property Map Search at: [Weld County Property Map](#).

How do I properly abandon my domestic use well?

- After registering your well with the Greeley Water and Sewer Department, you will need to properly abandon your domestic use well. It should also be recorded with the Colorado Division of Water Resources. You can find more information on how to do this here: [Abandonment Guide](#).

How can I get my house connected to the Greeley water system?

- To connect to the Greeley water system, you need to request service from the Greeley Water and Sewer Department. The city will waive the fees for water connection and raw water, but you'll still be responsible for your monthly water bill.

Where does this ordinance apply? (Greeley City Limits Map?)

- This rule applies to all wells in the Greeley city limits. If you're not sure whether you're in the city limits, contact Joe Kunovic at 970-350-9363 or Joseph.Kunovic@greeleygov.com. Greeley might also expand its water service area, and you could be included in the future.

Where can I see information about Greeley's water quality? Should I switch to bottled water instead?

- You can find information about Greeley's water quality on the city's website at greeleygov.com/water-quality. The new ordinance covers all water used for domestic purposes, so if you're concerned about your water quality, this might be helpful to look into.

Where can I find out more about the risks of consuming nitrates?

- For more information on the risks of nitrates, visit the EPA's website at: [EPA Nitrate Information](#).

What are the potential penalties for noncompliance with the ordinance.

- If you don't follow the rules in this ordinance, it can be treated as an administrative code violation, with penalties set by Chapter 10 of Title 1 in the City Code. These violations are handled by the Greeley Municipal Court.