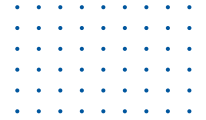




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**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** *The 2021-2023 renewal cycle, which allows you to drill for 2023-2025, ended on July 31, 2023. If you did not renew your license and complete your CE credits prior to this date, you are now in the INACTIVE status. To renew your license and re-claim active status, please submit your CE Certificate of Attendance forms and payment to our office and your license renewal application and fees to your respective Water Management District.*



# THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA WATER WELL ADMINISTRATOR

## Spring 2024

Dear Licensed Driller,

We hope you enjoy the 2024 Spring Issue of the Florida Water Well Administrator's Newsletter. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding your continuing education (CE) credits at 844-359-9238 or email us at [info@flwwceu.org](mailto:info@flwwceu.org).

To view your CE credit status and approved coursework visit [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org).

### UPDATES TO FLORIDA RULES AND REGULATIONS

During the 2024 Legislative Session, the following rules were amended, or added to Chapter 373 and currently awaiting the Governors signature.

- Revises the qualification requirements a person must meet in order to take the water well contractor license examination. The two years of experience and the construction of 10 water well must now be permitted in this state.
- Updated the reference to the correct Plumbing Code.
- Adds language to authorize certain authorities who have been delegated enforcement powers by water management districts to apply disciplinary guidelines adopted by the districts.
- Notices provided by the Districts may not be sent through certified mail, as opposed to registered mail.
- Adds language prohibiting a person or business entity from advertising water well drilling or construction services in specified circumstances.

## WHAT LICENSED WATER WELL CONTRACTORS SHOULD KNOW

**WHO IS YOUR PERMITTING AUTHORITY:** The five regional Water Management Districts have overall responsibility for water well permitting in Florida. However, 22 Florida Department of Health offices and 4 municipal governments perform well permitting services. To view an interactive map that shows the permitting agency name and contact information for each county in the state visit [www.fgwa.org](http://www.fgwa.org).

**WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S RULE:** It is a policy of the Legislature that the state's water resources be managed at a state and regional level. The Department of Environmental Protection, responsible for the administration of the water resources at the state level, exercises general supervisory authority over the state's five water management districts, which are responsible for the administration of the water resources at the regional level.

[Chapter 62-532, FAC](#) - General well permitting, including setbacks  
[Chapter 40A-3, FAC](#) - Northwest Florida Water Management District Rule  
[Chapter 40B-3, FAC](#) - Suwannee River Water Management District Rule  
[Chapter 40C-3, FAC](#) - St Johns River Water Management District Rule  
[Chapter 40D-3, FAC](#) - Southwest Florida Water Management District Rule  
[Chapter 40E-3, FAC](#) - South Florida Water Management District Rule

**WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES AND CITATIONS DICTIONARY:** The Water Well Construction Disciplinary Guidelines and Citations Dictionary establishes disciplinary guidelines and recommended fines and license points for violations of any part of Chapter 373, Part III, F.S., Chapters 62-531, 62-532, F.A.C., and the WMD rules for water well construction. The Citations Dictionary provides the Permitting Authority with specific guidance and recommendations to administer a consistent statewide enforcement program across Water Management District jurisdictional boundaries. The Citations Dictionary is adopted by rule into Rule 62-531.450, F.A.C.

**WELL DELINEATED CONTAMINATION AREAS:** Where available, all new dwellings and establishments constructed within the delineated areas must connect to a public water supply. However, if such is not available, a permit must be obtained for the construction of a water supply well to serve the residence or establishment. Stricter construction standards are required by the water management district to minimize potential contamination. The county health departments are responsible for the sampling and clearance of potable water wells constructed in these areas.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT REMINDERS

**Online Credits:** Water Well Contractors can earn up to 6 hours of the required CE online.

**Required Credits:** A maximum of 6 CE credits may be earned in the Safety/Business (S/B) category and a MINIMUM of 6 CE credits may be earned in the Rules Regulations/Well Construction (R/R) category.

**CE Credit Status:** To check your CE credit status, please visit [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org) and click on the CE Credits Tab at the top of the page. Be sure to view the cycle you are currently obtaining credits for.

**Approved Coursework:** All coursework approved for FL Water Well Contractor Licenses can be found on the FWWA website, [www.flwwceu.org](http://www.flwwceu.org). Coursework not previously approved by the Administrator can still be considered for CE Credit. Prior to completing the course, please send coursework details to [info@flwwceu.org](mailto:info@flwwceu.org) for review.

## WELL CONTRACTOR LICENSE NUMBER

Contractor's license number shall be continuously displayed in a conspicuous place on both sides of each piece of drilling equipment owned, leased, or operated by the contractor. The number shall be easily readable by a person with normal vision and shall be in a color which will contrast with its background. The number shall be presented in numerals not less than two inches high.