More well owner online lessons and webinars becoming available

A library of new private well owner online lessons and webinars is building on the National Ground Water Association’s web site, www.WellOwner.org.

At present, available online lessons cover the following topics:

- Testing well water
- How to get and interpret a water test
- Water treatment
- Arsenic in well water
- Bacteria in well water
- Nitrate in well water
- Radon in well water

Two more online lessons will be available the first week of March on:

Have a question?
Visit the Private Well Owner Hotline at 855-420-9355 (855-H20-Well)

It is estimated that 99 percent of all available fresh water is groundwater. Those facts alone justify the need for Groundwater Awareness Week, started 16 years ago by the National Ground Water Association (NGWA).

Every person can play a role in being a good steward or manager of groundwater. Groundwater protection is particularly important for people with water wells that provide their household water supply.

Here are simple steps that you can take to protect groundwater:
Get involved in National Groundwater Awareness Week March 9-15!

Although most people know very little about it, groundwater is worthy of public recognition because of the role it plays in meeting human and environmental needs.

The drinking water supplies of 44 percent of Americans rely on groundwater—the water that fills cracks and other openings in beds of rock, gravel, and sand below the ground's surface. In rural areas, the percentage of people dependent on groundwater for their drinking water supply is about 96 percent.

www.NGWA.org/AwarenessWeek

1. Install a locking well cap or sanitary seal to prevent unauthorized use of, or entry into, the well.
2. Do not mix or use pesticides, fertilizers, degreasers, fuels, and other pollutants near the well.
3. Never dispose of wastes in dry or abandoned wells.
4. Have a qualified septic system service provider pump and inspect your septic system as recommended.
5. Avoid disposing of hazardous substances in your septic system.
6. Take care working or mowing around your well so as not to damage the well head or your water distribution line.
7. Be careful not to spill any hazardous substances such as fuel or motor oil on the ground.

To learn more about groundwater protection, visit www.WellOwner.org.

[Note: If you are a state or local official involved with private well owners, use the following link to access a Word document with three template news releases. NGWA encourages your agency to use any of the releases as is or customize them to your local needs. Link: https://ngwa.sharefile.com/download.aspx?id=45d56a1edd0d49d0]