



Financial Assistance for Well  
Sampling, Plugging and  
Rehabilitation

## Grants to Counties Program

### THE GOAL:

To prevent further contamination of groundwater and to provide free water testing to residents whose primary source of water comes from private wells.

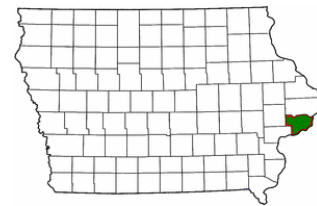
Funded by mandate of the Groundwater Protection Act of 1987, grants are made available to Local County Health Departments to provide financial assistance for water well services.

## How to Get Started

Financial assistance for the following services works through a rebate type system.

- Well Plugging
- Well Rehabilitation

Customers must complete the service and then apply for reimbursement from the Scott County Health Department.



Water Sampling Services are provided free of charge and will be completed upon request by a Scott County Environmental Health Specialist.

To find out more about this service or to apply for reimbursement call us at 563-

Scott County Health Department, 600 W. 4th Street, Davenport IA, 52801  
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## For Qualifying Scott County Applicants This Grant May Provide Financial Assistance for the Following Services...

### **WATER WELL SAMPLING:**

As a standard recommendation water wells should be tested for Coliform Bacteria and Nitrates once a year. Wells should also be tested after repairing or replacing pumps and pipes or after drilling a new well.

The Grants to Counties Program allows the Scott County Health Department to sample your private water well at **no cost** to you. Samples are sent to a state certified laboratory and results are mailed to you.

### **ABANDONED WELL PLUGGING:**

Any well that is no longer used or in poor physical condition beyond repair must be plugged. Abandoned wells provide a direct pathway for contaminants to enter into the ground water aquifer. In addition, abandoned wells may also pose a physical hazard to small children.

### **WELL REHABILITATION:**

Buried wells or wells located in “well pits” may be more susceptible to contamination. To protect water quality the well owner may choose to rehabilitate this type of well. Rehabilitation of a well involves extending the well casing 12 inches above ground.

Water Well Sampling



Abandoned well in Scott County



A Private Well in Scott County

