

WELL FAQ's

Does the County issue well permits?

Well drilling permits are issued by the Arizona Department of Water Resources. An application may be obtained online at the Arizona Department of Water Resources. The form is titled "Notice of Intention to Drill, Deepen, Replace or Modify a Well" form # 55-40. The instructions for the form are helpful in completing the form.

<http://www.azwater.gov/AzDWR/WaterManagement/default.htm>

How do I obtain a well permit?

Complete the "Notice of Intention to Drill, Deepen, Replace or Modify a Well" (NOI) form and submit the completed form to the Apache County Public Health Services District (ACPHSD). The completed form will be reviewed, the proposed location of the well verified by a field verification and the NOI will be transmitted by ACPHSD to the Arizona Department of Water Resources. If a well driller is submitting the NOI work with him/her on the process for obtaining a permit.

What is the cost for a well drilling permit?

The cost for most domestic use well permits in Apache County will be \$100.00. Please read the "instructions" carefully to determine whether the cost for your permit will be \$100.00 or \$150.00. The fee ACPHSD charges for reviewing the NOI and the field verification is \$200.00. The applicant must submit two (2) separate checks to ACPHSD, one check is drafted to Apache County Public Health Services District for \$200.00 and the other check is drafted to Arizona Department of Water Resources for either \$100.00 or \$150.00.

How long does it take to obtain a well permit?

ACPHSD will review the NOI, perform the field verification, and transmit the NOI to the Arizona Department of Water Resources within eight (8) working days. Once ADWR receives the NOI the drilling permit is issued in approximately two (2) weeks. Check with your well driller on the status of the NOI.

Will the County inspect my well?

Domestic wells are not inspected by the ACPHSD and there are no water quality standards for domestic wells. The ACPHSD does not test well water.

Where may I have my well water tested?

Look online or in the phone for water testing labs. The most common test is a bacterial test which is relatively inexpensive. Tests for chemicals, radioactivity and pesticides can be expensive.