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**PRIVATE WELLS - ADVICE SHEET**

**Location:**

- ◆ Locate upslope and as far away as possible from sources of pollution e.g. septic tanks, silage pits, slurry pits, dungsteeds, dumps, etc., (consider the location of your neighbours septic tank, farm buildings, etc.).

**Protection**

- ◆ Surface water should not be allowed to run down the well either inside or outside the casing. Line to 15" above ground level and provide a proper cover.
- ◆ Oil, fertilisers, pesticides, chemicals, etc., should not be stored or left in the pumphouse or close to the well.
- ◆ Wells should be fenced off to exclude animals.
- ◆ Watering troughs should not be placed within 20m of wells.
- ◆ Bunding should be provided around oil tanks on your premises.
- ◆ Effluent should not be spread within 50m of any well.
- ◆ Effluent should not be spread during very wet conditions, on frozen or snow covered soils, or on land sloping towards a well.

Further advice regarding water quality problems are available from your local Environmental Health Officer:-

<b>Buncrana Health Centre</b>	<b>(077) 61044</b>
<b>Donegal District Hospital</b>	<b>(073) 21074</b>
<b>Dungloe Health Centre</b>	<b>(075) 21044</b>
<b>County Clinic, Letterkenny</b>	<b>(074) 22322</b>