

The following steps need to be taken when connecting a home with an existing well to a community well water system or to the Detroit supplied water system.

1. Obtain water connection permit. (Water meter templates will not be given out.)
2. All water taps 2” and smaller will be made by OCDC Contractor.
3. It is the homeowners’ responsibility to hire a plumber to make the necessary plumbing changes within the home and to disconnect the existing well. Cross connections between a private (individual) water supply and a potable public water supply shall be prohibited (2003 Michigan Plumbing Code, section 608.6.1; 2003 Michigan Residential Code, section P2902.1).
4. Homeowner or plumber must pick up water meter for installation at 22430 W. Eight Mile Rd. in Southfield. (Between Telegraph Rd. and Lahser, on the north side of Eight Mile Rd. in front of Sam’s Club.)
5. Contact Water Maintenance Unit at (248) 356-6299 to schedule an appointment with water department personnel and plumber to make a visual inspection of disconnect of the existing well in order to prevent a cross connection violation. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Two days advance notice is preferred.)
6. Water department personnel will run cable, mount outside reading device and take a picture of existing well disconnect.
7. Water Department personnel will turn water on after inspections and installation of water meter is completed.
8. Contact Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) at (248) 858-1312 before you decide to plug or keep your well. A permit is required to plug a well. A permit may be required to keep a well. A licensed well drilling contractor may be required to perform any work.