



Here is a guide to help you decide and start your conversion to County potable water. There are several on-site and off-site costs, permitting, and regulatory requirements to consider prior to connecting to the County's potable water system.

- First, you should contact several licensed plumbers to obtain a cost estimate for all on-site activities. The web link below will assist you in selecting a licensed plumber in Hillsborough County:  
[https://webapps.hillsboroughcounty.org/pgm/resources/onlineservices/contractors/Report\\_ByContractorsType.cfm?licexpdate=09%2F30%2F2015&chvcode=38051](https://webapps.hillsboroughcounty.org/pgm/resources/onlineservices/contractors/Report_ByContractorsType.cfm?licexpdate=09%2F30%2F2015&chvcode=38051)
- Second, there are also other fees you need to consider:
  - a. Connection cost from the potable meter to the home.
  - b. Cost to abandon and cap the well (if abandoning the well) in accordance with Department of Health (DOH) and Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) requirements.
    - i. Click on this link for helpful information: <https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/projects/qwip/>
  - c. Cost of a County and/or Department of Health permit
    - i. Once your contractor obtains a plumbing permit that information is required for the Utility to initiate the account and install the potable meter.
- Third, there are fees required by the Water Resources Department that must be paid prior to the meter installation.
  - a. Water Capacity fee (by Service Area): North: \$1,863.00 & South/Central: \$2,214.00
  - b. 5/8" Meter Installation fee: \$320.00
  - c. Residential Dual Check fee: \$60.00 \*see below
  - d. One-time account set-up fee: \$25.00
  - e. Potable Water Deposit (May be waived with approved credit check)
    - i. Deposit = \$90.00
- Fourth, request a connection contract by email ([waterdept@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:waterdept@hillsboroughcounty.org)) when you are ready to connect.  
The following information is required:
  - a. Account Number or service address if you have current or past service history with the Utility
  - b. The Owner / Renter Account Information
  - c. Plumbing Permit # (Issued by Development Services)
  - d. Daytime Contact Information
  - e. Date you anticipate connecting / converting
  - f. Completed Disposition of Well form (see attached)
- Fifth, upon payment to the Utility, mark your proposed location of the meter
  - g. Meter installation is typically completed in 10-14 business days.

\* Additional on site-backflow requirements may be determined by the County Plumbing Inspector

# Disposition of Well

Property Owner *(printed)* \_\_\_\_\_

Folio Number \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_ **FL** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

*Please initial choice, sign, and date.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(initial)

**I elect to abandon my well**

I will do so in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances, codes, resolutions, and regulations.

I will supply the Water Resources Department with a fully-executed copy of the Southwest Florida Water Management District *Well Grouting and Abandonment* form.

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(initial)

**I elect to keep my well**

I will do so in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances, codes, resolutions, and regulations.

Connections between your well and the public water supply are prohibited. I certify that there are no connections between my well and the public water supply.

I understand that the Public Utilities Department will install a backflow preventer on my service connection and will charge me a one-time fee for that installation.

I understand that the installation of a backflow preventer on my service connection will create a closed plumbing system on my side of the backflow preventer, and that thermal expansion within a closed plumbing system may cause an increase in pressure.

I acknowledge that per the Florida Plumbing Code, I am responsible for assessing, providing, and maintaining thermal expansion control on my side of the backflow preventer.

I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County and its agents and employees from and against all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney's fees, connected with the use of potable water provided by the County to the above service address, or the use of the my well, or the failure of my thermal expansion control system, resulting from my negligence, the negligence of my agents, employees or invitees, excluding any liabilities, claims, damages, loses, and expenses from the sole negligence of Hillsborough County, its employees or agents.

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(Authorized signature)

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Date

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(Printed name and title of signer)