

Are you on a well? Sign up for the Private Well Water Class

In 2015, the Illinois State Water Survey held a face-to-face Well Testing program in Havana. They had 23 people register for that event. From there, the team moved on to developing an online training that replaces

the face-to-face meetings with the goal of reaching even more people.

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operate, and protect their private well.

This is why the Illinois State Water Survey at the University of Illinois created PrivateWellClass.org, a nationwide training initiative funded by the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Private Well Class is a free, step-by-step online education program to help well owners understand groundwater basics, well care best practices, and how to find assistance.

It also teaches well owners how to sample their well, how to interpret sample results, and what they can do to protect their well and source water from contamination.

The program consists of a 10-part online class reinforced with additional live, interactive webinar events in which questions are answered about the material.

Upcoming live webinars can be viewed at: <http://privatewellclass.org/calendar> In addition to live webinars, the Private Well Class also offers short well care videos, a private well podcast, and a resource library, among other things.

Steve Wilson, a groundwater hydrologist with the Illinois State Water Survey with over 20 years of experience working with private well owners, serves as the primary instructor for the Private Well Class.

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The Private Well Class has partners in various sectors to extend the reach of this initiative and connect with private well owners.

State agencies, local governments, and industry professionals alike have partnered with the ISWS to assist with promoting this free service, in addition to holding local events that facilitate questions, and providing answers about local groundwater issues to private well owners in their area.

Please visit the Private Well Class website (<http://www.privatewellclass.org>) or contact info@privatewellclass.org for more information.



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