

Introduction

Old, unused (abandoned) wells can be a threat to health and safety of nearby drinking water wells. Often abandoned wells have not been properly sealed by a licensed well contractor.

"I don't have a home well, I have city water"

Your city water comes from a city well. Many homes, offices, stores and restaurants are built before city water is available. For example, every home and business in the cities of Ham Lake, East Bethel and Columbus have a private well on their property because public water is not yet available. The same was true 40-60 years ago in Blaine, Circle Pines, Lexington and Lino Lakes.

Minnesota Law requires that a well must be in use, be under a maintenance permit, or be sealed if the well is: 1) not in use, 2) is contaminated, 3) improperly sealed, 4) threatens the quality of groundwater, or 5) poses a health or safety risk. MN Law requires owners to disclose, to the buyer, all wells on their property at the time of sale.

Abandoned well sealing cost share program:

To protect the community's water supply, the cities of Blaine, Circle Pines, Lexington and Lino Lakes are making cost-share grants available to property owners to seal unused (abandoned) wells near city water supply wells. Residents and property owners that are inside the city's Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMA) may apply to the city for a cost share grant that reimburses them 50 percent of the cost of sealing the well (up to \$500). The cost of sealing a home well is typically about \$800 – \$1,000 (sometimes more with difficult wells).

To apply for a cost-share grant contact your city wellhead protection manager:

- **Blaine:** 763-785-6188 (Jim Hafner)
jhafner@ci.blaine.mn.us
- **Circle Pines:** 763-231-2611 (Chandra Peterson)
cpeterson@ci.circle-pines.mn.us
- **Lexington:** 763-354-2805 (Tina Northcutt)
tnlexington@comcast.net
- **Lino Lakes:** 651-982-2435 (Marty Asleson)
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For information on home wells, drinking water and water resources in Anoka County visit:



www.KnowTheFlow.us

ABANDONED WELL SEALING

COST-SHARE GRANTS AVAILABLE IN 2015

Property owners in:

- Blaine,
- Circle Pines,
- Lexington, and
- Lino Lakes

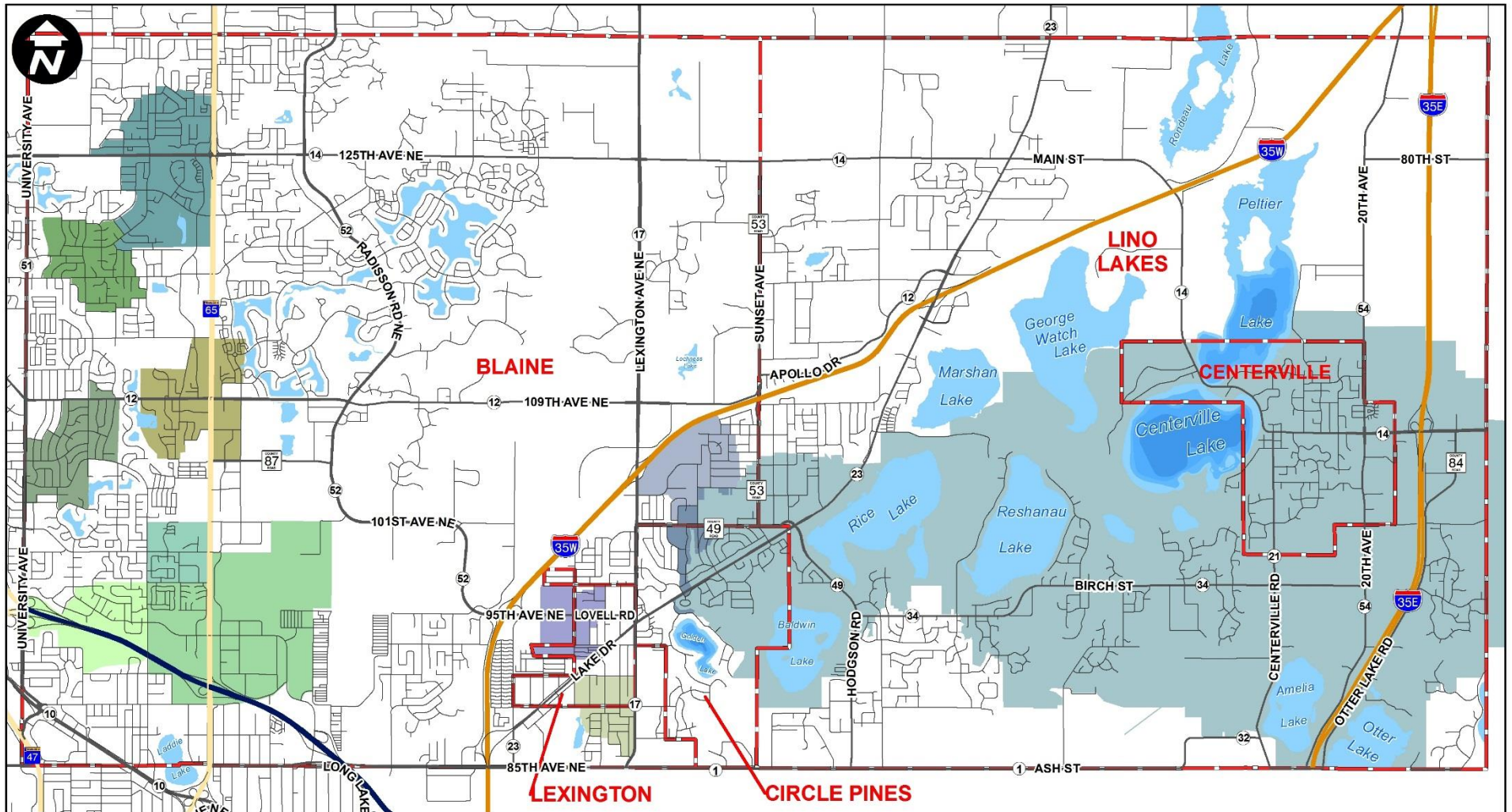
may be eligible to receive a cost-share grant to seal their abandoned well.



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Blaine, Circle Pines, Lexington and Lino Lakes Drinking Water Supply Management Areas



Shaded are the Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMA) for the cities of Blaine, Circle Pines, Lexington and Lino Lakes. Properties and wells located inside the municipal wellhead protection areas are eligible for well sealing cost-share grants.