

**TOWN OF MASHPEE  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MORATORIUM ON GROUNDWATER WELLS**

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31, the Board of Health of Mashpee adopts the following regulation in an effort to better protect the public health and welfare of the citizens and visitors in the Town.

**REGULATION:**

**Existing and future** residential wells located in documented or anticipated areas of groundwater contamination as defined by the Board of Health are herewith restricted from use for any purpose, including drinking, any agricultural use (lawn watering, gardening, livestock watering, irrigation of crop land, etc.) washing vehicles, pool filling, etc. This moratorium includes groundwater wells owned by the residents currently connected to a public water supply.

A Massachusetts Licensed Well Driller must decommission the affected wells and written evidence thereof must be submitted to the Board of Health.

**PURPOSE:**

This regulation seeks to prevent any inadvertent exposure to contaminated groundwater, which may present a potential health risk to the residents and visitors of Mashpee. Residential well waters in documented or potentially affected areas of groundwater pollution pose a possibility of exposure pathways to humans. Ingestion, inhalation and dermal exposure are potential pathways. This potential risk necessitates this regulation.

Adopted by the Board of Health on April 23, 1998. This regulation will become effective upon the date of publication in the press.

**The original intent of the Board of Health was clarified on July 15, 1999, by inserting the words “Existing and Future” in the first paragraph of the regulation. The Board of Health approved this amendment to the regulation on July 29, 1999.**

Per Order Of,  
Mashpee Board of Health

Steven R. Ball, Chairman  
John T. Doherty, Co-Chairman  
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