My Well Water Record & Care Guide

The paper that lives at your well system: your install-day test numbers, the settings exactly as your tech set them, the once-a-year bacteria and nitrate test log the state health department recommends, and what to watch for before you call. Print it, fill it in, keep it at the unit.

1. Your system — fill this in on install day

Installed on _____ **Installed by** _____

System / valve type _____

Built to treat (circle): iron / sulfur / hardness / tannins _____

Bypass type _____ **House main shutoff is at** _____

Well pump breaker is at _____

Those last two lines matter. A well system sits between your pump and your house — knowing which valve and which breaker stop it, before anything ever leaks, is the cheapest insurance in the house. This sheet records your system and your numbers. It does not describe the treatment process, and it does not need to: the record is what you, a future tech, or the next owner of the house actually uses.

2. Your install-day numbers — from your own water test

Nobody tests a private well but you — city water is tested by the utility on a schedule, and the federal rules do not cover private wells at all. That is why the starting numbers get written down here, on install day, from the test at your tap:

Hardness (grains) _____ **Iron** _____

Sulfur (hydrogen sulfide) _____ **Tannins? Y / N** _____

Bacteria test (install) _____ **Nitrate test (install)** _____

Tested by / lab, and date _____

A number a year from now means nothing without this starting point. When a later test moves, this page is how you know it moved — and by how much.

3. Settings as set by your tech — then leave them there

Backwash / regeneration runs _____ **At (time)** _____

Media in the tank _____

Media last changed _____ **Next media check due** _____

These settings were set to your water, the way your hardness setting was. Inside the range your tech wrote here, the system just does its work. Changed settings are the number-one reason a well system quietly stops treating — if you think a setting needs to move, call first: (727) 342-0091. Well equipment runs 10 to 15-plus years with normal maintenance; settings that drift are how that life gets spent early.

4. Once a year: the bacteria and nitrate test

The state health department tells well owners to test every year — for bacteria and nitrates at minimum. Most owners never test once. This log is the fix: one line a year, and the proof lives here, for your family, a warranty question, or a home sale.

Date	Bacteria result	Nitrate result	Tested by

After a flood or a hurricane — test before you drink

Floodwater is the number-one way bacteria gets into a well. After Hurricane Ian, 22 percent of the private wells tested in Seminole County came back positive for coliform or Escherichia coli (E. coli). If floodwater reached your wellhead, or the power and flooding hit your area hard, test before anyone drinks from the tap — and write that test in the log above, out of cycle.

5. Warning signs — what coming back means

- Orange stains returning in toilets and tubs: the iron is getting through again. Check the date on your last media check (section 3), then call.
- Rotten-egg smell returning: quick check first — smell in the hot water only is usually your water heater's anode rod reacting, not your well. Smell in hot and cold is the well side, and it is ours to fix.
- Tea-colored tint, worse after a big rain: tannins pushing through, most often on a shallow well near a lake after a storm.
- Water pressure dropping across the house: something upstream is loading up or the pump side needs a look. Do not just live with it — pressure problems get more expensive, not less.
- The system backwashing at odd hours, running far too long, or not running at all: note the time and what you heard, then call.

IN CASE OF A LEAK — DO THESE THREE THINGS

1. BYPASS FIRST. Put the system in bypass (type written in section 1). The leak stops being fed; the house still has water. 2. MAIN SHUTOFF SECOND. If water is still coming, turn off the house main (location written in section 1). 3. THEN CALL. Aqua Pro Services — (727) 342-0091. If it is not our unit, this still just saved your floor.

6. Your service log

Every visit, every media change, every out-of-cycle test goes here — same rule as the settings card at a softener: we start from the record, not from memory.

Date	What was done

Sources: Aqua Pro well-water page (aquapro.services/well-water-treatment/) for the annual bacteria and nitrate testing recommendation, the post-Hurricane Ian Seminole County well results, and the iron, sulfur, and tannin signs above. Your install-day numbers come from the test at your own tap.