



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



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To: Residents of Pillsbury Lake Village District, PWS 2462040 and 2462050, Webster, NH

DES has reviewed the requirements pertaining to private well installations for the Pillsbury Lake community and determined that, based on the community development prior to 1967, any lot is eligible to install a private well without further state approval, subject to the following:

1. To protect from onsite or offsite contamination sources and to limit difficulties with future septic system approval, a new well shall be installed with at least 71-feet of grouted casing;
2. The installation of only 40-feet of grouted casing and a signed Setback Reduction Form is not sufficient; and,
3. The well must be installed as far as practicable, and at least 25 feet, from any current septic system component. For proper planning, homeowners shall consider the location of a replacement septic system on their lot (required to be 75-feet from the lakeshore) and install the well at least 25 feet from this potential location.

Note

When approval for a replacement septic system is sought, if the setback distance between the bottom of the well casing and the septic system is not met, either a reduction in the number of bedrooms may occur or the well will need to be filled-in and a new one installed at an alternate acceptable location. For lots extending less than 75-feet from the shore line and/or homes with greater than 2 bedrooms, it is wise for homeowners to review their original septic approval and consult with a septic designer prior to well drilling.

All other well construction requirements apply per [We 100-1000 Water Well Board Rules](#).

Questions may be directed to NH DES Water Well Program, Abigail Fopiano (Abigail.fopiano@des.nh.gov or 603-271-1974).