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Well Chlorination

The well and waterlines should be chlorinated by adding one gallon of 5 to 5 ¼ % Chlorine bleach (CLOROX). This will disinfect your household plumbing. The chlorine should be diluted in 3-5 gallons of water, and then poured directly down into the well casing. Turn on all faucets (inside and outside) until you can smell the chlorine in the water. Turn water off, allow the chlorinated water to stand in the pipes for 6-12 hours; do not use the water during this time. Then begin to turn all the faucets on and let the water run for at least 10 minutes. We recommend hooking a hose to an outside spigot and letting the water run on top of the ground, off and on, until bleach is out of the supply.