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New Handbook Provides Information for Private Well Owners

Most rural homeowners and farm families in northern Illinois depend on private wells for their water supply. The type, depth, and quality of the well may vary, but the basic system, concept and concerns are similar.

To help private water system owners develop and maintain a safe, adequate and dependable water system, whether for home or farm use, the MidWest Plan Service has published several versions of the “Private Water Systems Handbook”. The newest 144-page edition was just published and is available through local University of Illinois Extension offices or on-line. The cost is \$32.00. To order on line, go to www.mwps.org.

The MidWest Plan Service (MWPS), is a university-based publishing cooperative dedicated to publishing and disseminating research-based, peer-reviewed, practical, and affordable publications. Established in 1929 and publishing since 1933, MWPS is one of the oldest regional cooperative efforts of land-grant universities in the United States. To date, more than 2 million agricultural building plans and 1.3 million related publications have been disseminated by MWPS. All MWPS publications receive stringent review by professionals in relevant fields.

Some of the topics in the newest water system publication include planning for water usage; well construction, care and location; cisterns, ponds and springs; water testing and treatment; maintenance of the system and other related topics.