



MAINE CDC DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

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Sanitary Seal Well Cap Program

Sanitary Seal Well Caps:

A sanitary seal well cap is an easy, effective, and inexpensive way to help prevent drinking water well contamination. A locking sanitary seal well cap, when installed correctly, prevents insects, small mammals, and other contaminants from entering the top of the well. Sanitary seal well caps also improve wellhead security.



About the Program:

Public water systems (PWS) without sanitary seal well caps, or PWS who have a sanitary survey recommendation for replacing their sanitary seal well caps, are eligible for reimbursement for up to 75% of the cost of the purchase and installation (up to \$300 per PWS) of a locking sanitary seal well cap under this program. Payments are made on a reimbursement basis after the Drinking Water Program (DWP) has verified that the PWS has properly installed a sanitary seal well cap. Qualifying costs are limited to the purchase and installation of a locking sanitary seal well cap of a design approved by the DWP. Only a limited number of reimbursements will be available and will be given on a first come first served basis.

How to Receive a Sanitary Seal Well Cap Reimbursement:

1. Contact Sofia Licht, Grants & Outreach Coordinator, by phone (207) 441-3217 or by email, sofia.licht@maine.gov to receive an approval letter and grant reimbursement form.
2. Have a locking, sanitary seal well cap installed by an appropriately qualified licensed professional (a licensed well driller or pump installer, or a master plumber).
3. Within 3 months of receiving an award letter, submit the following to DWP:
 - Completed Sanitary Seal Well Cap Reimbursement form
 - ACH authorization form
 - Copy of a paid invoice detailing the cost of the locking sanitary seal and cost of installation and;
 - Photograph(s) documenting the installation of the new well cap.
4. DWP will reimburse the PWS directly once this documentation has been received.



Please Note: The DWP reserves the right to withhold reimbursement until documentation is provided that confirms the correct installation of the sanitary seal well cap by an appropriately licensed professional.