

**The following is a WATER SAFETY INFORMATION STATEMENT from the Department of Environmental Health:**

Drilled wells are subject to saltwater and surface water contamination if the well-head is submerged. If you suspect that your well-head has been submerged, the Department of Environmental Health recommends that you follow the procedure outlined below:

**CAUTION:** Your well operates on electricity; electrical shock is possible if care is not taken during this procedure. If you are uncomfortable performing this procedure, contact a professional to assist you. If you have questions regarding this procedure, contact 410-535-3922 for more information.

1. Pump off your well – Attach a garden hose to the outside of your house and run the water for four hours.
2. After completing step one, remove the top of the well and pour one gallon of bleach into well. Begin pumping off well until the odor (or smell) of bleach is noticed. Stop pumping and let water stay in plumbing for 24 hours.
3. After 24 hours, pump off well until the bleach odor subsides.
4. Lastly, with this procedure completed, contact the Calvert County Environmental Health Department for water sampling at 410-535-3922.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that you DO NOT DRINK the water from your well until this procedure is complete...bottled water is recommended as an alternative.