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◇ **Local Well Drillers** (Well Drilling &

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◇ **Local Purdue Cooperative**

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◇ **Indiana Department of**

Natural Resources

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◇ **Local Farm Bureau, Inc.**

* In the Yellow pages

Wood-Land-Lakes:

- ◆ Combination of volunteers solving natural resource problems through local involvement
- ◆ Serves DeKalb, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben and Whitley counties
- ◆ Tax exempt organization

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OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

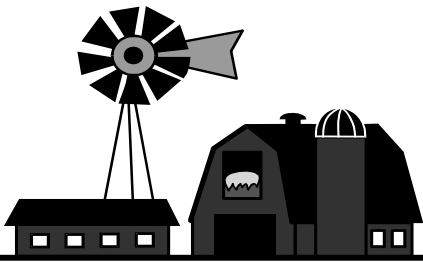
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*What do you do with
your old well?*

What Is An Abandoned Well?

- ◆ Well that has been discontinued for more than 5 years
- ◆ Well that is impractical to use
- ◆ Well that is a health hazard



Why Are Old Wells Risky?

- ◆ Connect land surface to ground water
- ◆ Direct channel to drinking water supplies
- ◆ Hazard to children, animals or other objects that may fall into or be trapped in unsealed wells

Where Are Abandoned Wells?

- ◆ Most places where abandoned farmsteads are located
- ◆ Buried in farm fields
- ◆ Located near wooded areas or pastures



Who Should Be Concerned?

- ◆ Rural land owners
- ◆ Urban land owners
- ◆ Well drillers
- ◆ Health professionals
- ◆ Municipal water departments
- ◆ Conservationists

When Was Well Abandoned?

Wells abandoned before 1988

- ◆ Required to be sealed at or above ground surface
- ◆ Seal with a welded, threaded or mechanically attached watertight cap
- ◆ May be sealed by land owner



Wells abandoned after 1988

- ◆ Must be plugged with impervious grouting material
- ◆ Must be plugged by a licensed well driller