

**STATE OF OREGON WELL OWNERSHIP INFORMATION FORM
(FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE)**

Pursuant to ORS 537.788, owners of property on which a well is located shall, within 60 days following the construction and/or alteration of a new well or upon property transfer, **record the following information in the property deed records at the appropriate County Clerks Office.** Either the deed recording number or legal description of the property may be used to identify the property.

Property Owner Name(s): THOMAS E. & DIANE M. Newton
 Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 1006 Merrill OR 97633
 Deed Recording Number (or legal description): Parcel 1 of Klamath County Land
 Well Identification Number(s): L28542 Partition 32-96

Rights and Responsibilities: Oregon law finds that ownership and the rights to reasonable control of water within this state belongs to the public to be managed by the Water Resources Department. Most uses of water require a water right issued by the Water Resources Department. However, state law allows some uses of groundwater without benefit of a water right. Contact the Department for more information. The Water Resources Department cannot guarantee the presence of water in the desired amount on a specific property.

In addition to the above, owners of properties on which a well is located are responsible for maintaining that well in a proper manner. Some basic requirements are listed below:

1. All wells shall be maintained in a condition where they are not a threat to public health or safety, a source of contamination, or a waste of the groundwater resource.
2. All wells shall be securely covered to prevent any foreign substance from entering the well.
3. All wells shall be equipped with an access port or airline so that static water level information can be determined at any time.
4. Well casing must be protected from damage and meet minimum extension requirements.
5. Wells may only be permanently abandoned by a licensed and bonded well constructor or a landowner with a valid permit and bond. Well abandonment must be carried out in accordance with state rules.

If you would like further information about water rights, maintaining / abandoning your well, or wish to receive a copy of the administrative rules concerning well construction, please contact the Oregon Water Resources Department by phone at (503) 378-8455, or by mail at 158 12th Street NE, Salem, OR 97310.

I have read the above describing my basic rights and responsibilities related to well ownership.

Signature of Property Owner: *Thomas E. Newton*

Signed or attested before me this 14 day of Jan, 2000 S.W.

by Newton, Thomas Edwin State of Oregon, County of Klamath
 (Name(s) of Person(s))

Sally A. West My Commission Expires: Mar. 15, 2003
 (Signature of Notary Public)



Recording Office Use Only
 After Recording return to Property Owner(s)

State of Oregon, County of Klamath
 Recorded 1/18/00, at 8:38 a.m.
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 Linda Smith,
 County Clerk Fee \$ 21.00