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DIRECTIONS FOR SANITIZING NEW OR CONTAMINATED WELLS:

Mix one (1) gallon of bleach (Hilex, Purex, Chlorox, etc.) with 5 to 10 gallons of water. Pour this mixture directly down the inside of the well casing or access hole.

Attach a garden hose with a small nozzle and insert the nozzle into the well casing or access hole. Start up the pump and recirculate the well water to mix the bleach and flush the casing. Do this for one (1) to two (2) hours, and then shut off the faucet. Remove hose and replace well cap on casing or plug access hole. Then go to each faucet in the system and run water until you can smell the bleach. Shut off faucet and proceed to the next faucet. When flushing is completed, let the water system stand for 8 to 12 hours.

Open all faucets and flush until the strong bleach smell disappears. A slight bleach taste and/or odor will remain in the system for 1 to 3 weeks. Once the bleach taste and/or odor no longer are present in the water, it is then recommended to have the water tested again.