

Well Sealing Financial Assistance 2020



The map above indicates counties that have financial assistance programs for well sealing offered by various government agencies. A cost-share program reimburses the property owner for only part of the cost of well sealing. For further information about these programs, call the contact person listed in the table below for your county or contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), County Environmental Services Department, or county water plan coordinator. There are also a number of federal and state loan and grant programs that are offered throughout the state. Information about these programs is on page 7. **Preapproval is required to qualify for these programs so the arrangements for cost share or loans must be made before a well is sealed.** State law requires that well sealing be done by a licensed well contractor. To find a licensed well contractor, look in the Yellow Pages under “Well Drilling and Services” or visit the Minnesota Department of Health, Well Management Section website: [Licensed Well and Boring Contractor Directory \(www.health.state.mn.us/lwcsearch\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/lwcsearch).

The following government agencies in the state offer financial assistance programs for well sealing.

Agency	Contact Person	Telephone Number
Aitkin NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Thomas Gervais	218-927-2413
Aitkin SWCD	Steve Hughes	218-927-7284
Anoka Conservation District (ACD)	Aaron Diehl	763-434-2030
Anoka County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Yara Gonzalez	763-241-1170, ext. 3
Becker County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Ed Musielewicz	218-847-9392, ext. 3
Becker SWCD	SWCD Staff	218-846-7360
Beltrami County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-751-1942, ext. 3
Beltrami SWCD	Zach Gutknecht	218-333-4171
Benton County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Pat Gehling	320-968-5300, ext. 3
Benton SWCD	Nathan Sanoski	320-968-5300, ext. 3
Big Stone County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Burt Hendrikson	320-839-6149, ext. 3
Big Stone SWCD	Tammy Neubauer	320-839-6149, ext. 3
Blue Earth County, Delegated Well Program	Tim Grant	507-304-4381
Blue Earth County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Reginald Liddell	507-345-7418, ext. 3
Blue Earth SWCD	Jerad Bach	507-345-4744
Brown County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Janelle Price	507-794-4491, ext. 3
Brown County Planning and Zoning	Andy Meyer	507-233-6641
Carlton County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-720-5209, ext. 3
Carlton SWCD (Cost Share and AgBMP Loan Program)	Alyssa Alness	218-384-3891
Carver County Planning and Water Management	Tim Sundby	952-361-1816
Cass County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Candi Fuller, Brian Steffen	218-829-5965, ext. 3
Cass SWCD	Brenda Davis, John Ringle	218-547-7399
Chippewa County Land and Resource Management	JoAnn Blomme	320-269-6231
Chisago NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Deb Hermel	651-674-7051, ext. 3
Chisago SWCD (AgBMP Loan Program)	Sue Humble	651-674-2333, ext. 4
Clay County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Sharon Lean	218-233-7773, ext. 3
Clay SWCD (AgBMP and State Cost-Share Program)	Kevin Kassenborg	218-287-2255
Clearwater County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Cari Roepke	218-694-6584, ext. 3
Clearwater SWCD	Chester Powell	218-694-6845, ext. 4
Cook County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-720-5209, ext. 3
Cook County Land Services	Tim Nelson	218-387-3633
Cottonwood SWCD	Kari Clouse	507-832-8287
Crow Wing County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Candi Fuller, Brian Steffen	218-829-5965, ext. 3
Crow Wing SWCD	Melissa Barrick, Clayton Lenk	218-828-6197
Dakota County Environmental Resources Dept.	Stephen Scott	952-891-7537
Dakota County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	651-463-8665, ext. 3
Dodge County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Mike Muzzy	507-374-6364, ext. 3
Dodge SWCD	Adam King	507-374-6364, ext. 113
Douglas County, City of Alexandria	Megan Chisholm	320-763-6501

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Douglas County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Mark Dybdal	320-763-3191, ext. 3
Douglas SWCD (AgBMP Loan Program)	Jerry Haggemiller	320-763-3191, ext. 3
Faribault County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-526-3282, ext. 3
Faribault SWCD (Ag Cost Share and AgBMP Loan Program)	Shane Johnson, Chad Viland	507-526-2388
Fillmore SWCD	Laura Christensen	507-765-3878, ext. 3
Freeborn County Environmental Services (AgBMP Loan Program)	Rachel Wehner	507-377-5186
Freeborn County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Gary Kurer	507-373-5607, ext. 3
Goodhue County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	651-923-5300, ext. 3
Goodhue SWCD (Cost Share and AgBMP Loan Program)	Beau Kennedy	651-923-5286
Grant County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-685-5341, ext. 3
Grant SWCD	Jared House	218-685-5341, ext. 3
Hennepin County Environment and Energy Department	Dan Boeding	612-596-6627
Hennepin County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Yara Gonzalez	763-241-1170, ext. 3
Houston County Dept. of Environmental Services (Cost Share and AgBMP Loan Program)	Aaron Lacher	507-725-5800
Houston County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Gary Larson	507-724-5261, ext. 3
Hubbard County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Dan Pazdernik	218-732-9723, ext. 3
Hubbard SWCD	Crystal Mathisrud	218-732-0121, ext. 4
Isanti County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Josh Bork	763-689-3224, ext. 3
Isanti SWCD	Tiffany Determan	763-689-3224, ext. 5
Itasca County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Kyle Asplund, Candi Fuller	218-326-6595, ext. 3
Itasca SWCD	Tim Frits	218-326-5573
Jackson SWCD	Chris Bauer	507-662-6682, ext. 3
Kanabec County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Shannon Rasinski	320-674-3012
Kanabec SWCD	Deanna Pomije	320-679-3982, ext. 3
Kandiyohi County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Melanie Dickman	320-235-3906, ext. 3
Kandiyohi SWCD	Richard Reimer	320-235-3906, ext. 3
Kittson SWCD	Justin Muller, Jeremy Benson	218-843-2619, ext. 4
Koochiching County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-634-2757, ext. 3
Koochiching SWCD	Pam Tomevi, Eric Olson	218-283-1174, 1175
Lac qui Parle County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Burt Hendrickson	320-598-7321, ext. 3
Lac qui Parle SWCD	Chessa Frahm	320-598-7321, ext. 3
Lake County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-720-5209, ext. 3
Lake County SWCD	Tara Salem	218-834-8370
Lake of the Woods County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-634-2757, ext. 3
Lake of the Woods SWCD	Corryn Trask	218-634-1842, ext. 4
LeSueur County Environmental Services	Holly Kalbus	507-357-8540
LeSueur County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Steve Breaker	507-357-4908, ext. 3
LeSueur SWCD (AgBMP Loan Program)	Sue Prchal	507-357-4879, ext. 3
Lincoln SWCD	Dale Sterzinger	507-694-1630, ext. 3

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Lyon SWCD	John Biren	507-532-8207, ext. 3
Mahnomen County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Dustin Jasken or NRCS Staff	218-935-2987, ext. 3
Mahnomen SWCD	Aaron Neubert	218-935-2987, ext. 3
Marshall County Environmental Services	Josh Johnston	218-745-5841
Marshall SWCD	Darren Carlson	218-745-5010
Martin County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-235-6661, ext. 3
Martin SWCD	Greg Johanson	507-235-6680, 6670
McLeod SWCD	Ryan Freitag	320-864-5176
Meeker County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Jacob Stich	320-693-7287, ext. 3
Meeker SWCD	Joe Norman	320-693-7287, ext. 3
Mille Lacs County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	320-983-2154, ext. 3
Mille Lacs SWCD	Lynn Gallice, Maggie Kuchenbaker	320-983-2160
Morrison SWCD	Shannon Wettstein	320-631-3553
Mower County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-434-2603, ext. 3
Mower SWCD	Tim Ruzek	507-434-2603, ext. 5
Murray County Environmental Services	Sarah Soderholm	507-836-1165
Nicollet County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	April Sullivan	507-237-5435, ext. 3
Nicollet SWCD	Blake Honetschlager	507-232-2550
Nobles County Public Works Department	Mark Koster, Licia Keninger	507-295-5322
Norman County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-784-2752, ext. 3
Norman SWCD	Mark Christianson, Lori Thronson	218-584-5169
Olmsted County, City of Rochester Public Utilities	Todd Osweiler	507-280-1589
Olmsted County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Mike Muzzy	507-405-3684
Olmsted SWCD (Cost Share and AgBMP Loan Program)	Skip Langer	507-328-7070
East Otter Tail SWCD	Darren Newville	218-346-9105
West Otter Tail County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Penny Doty	218-739-4694, ext. 3239
West Otter Tail SWCD	Brad Mergens	218-998-5300
Pennington County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Luther Newton	218-681-1612, ext. 3
Pennington SWCD	Bryan Malone	218-683-7075
Pine SWCD	Katie Petzel	320-216-4242
Pipestone SWCD	Kyle Krier	507-825-1185
East Polk County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Jenny Burrack	218-563-2475, ext. 3
East Polk SWCD	Rachel Klein	218-563-2777
West Polk County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-281-1445, ext. 3
West Polk SWCD	Nicole Bernd	218-281-6070, ext. 2310
Pope SWCD	Holly Kovarik	320-634-5327
Ramsey County SWCD	Branden Block	651-266-7278
Ramsey County, Capitol Region Watershed District**	Andrew Novak	651-644-8888
Ramsey County, City of North St. Paul	Cynthia Govan	651-747-2441
Ramsey County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Michelle Wohlers	651-463-8665, ext. 3
Red Lake County NRCS	Luther Newton	218-681-1612, ext. 3

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Red Lake SWCD	Tanya Hanson	218-253-2593
Redwood County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Shannon Gegner	507-637-2427, ext. 3
Redwood SWCD	Kurt Mathiowetz	507-637-2427, ext. 3
Renville County Environmental Services (AgBMP Loan Program)	Diane Mitchell	320-523-3760
Renville SWCD	Cody Dale	320-523-1550, ext. 3
Rice County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-332-7418, ext. 3
Rice SWCD	SWCD Staff	507-332-5408
Rock County Land Management	Lynette Jauert, Mary Thompson	507-283-8862
Roseau County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-463-1862, ext. 3
Roseau SWCD	Janine Lovold, Scott Johnson	218-463-1903
North St. Louis County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-741-3937, ext. 3
North St. Louis SWCD	Phil Norvitch	218-288-6145
South St. Louis County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-720-5209, ext. 3
South St. Louis SWCD	SWCD Staff	218-723-4867
Scott SWCD	Shelby Roberts	952-492-5448
Sherburne County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Yara Gonzalez	763-241-1170, ext. 3
Sherburne SWCD	Francine Larson	763-220-3434
Sibley County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	April Sullivan	507-237-5435, ext. 3
Sibley SWCD	Joel Wurscher	507-702-7077
Stearns County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	320-251-7800, ext. 3
Stearns SWCD	SWCD Staff	320-251-7800, ext. 3
Steele County Planning and Zoning	Katie Barden	507-444-7487
Steele County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-451-6730, ext. 3
Stevens SWCD	Matt Solemsaas	320-589-4886, ext. 112
Swift County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Rick Gronseth	320-842-7201, ext. 3
Swift SWCD	Andy Albertsen	320-842-7201, ext. 3
Todd County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Russell Kleinschmidt	320-732-6618, ext. 3
Todd SWCD	SWCD Staff	320-732-2644
Traverse County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Hans Klopp	320-563-8218, ext. 109
Traverse SWCD	Sara Gronfeld	320-563-8218, ext. 108
Wabasha County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Phillis Brey	651-565-3345, ext. 108
Wabasha SWCD (Cost Share and AgBMP Loan Program)	Terri Peters	651-560-2044
Wadena County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Ivan Reinke	218-631-3195, ext. 3
Wadena SWCD	Anne Oldakowski	218-632-4201
Waseca County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-835-4800, ext. 3
Waseca SWCD	Mark Schaetzke	507-835-4800, ext. 3
Washington County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Michelle Wohlers	651-463-8665, ext. 3
Washington County Public Health and Environment	Alena DeGrade	651-430-6716
Watonwan County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-375-3104, ext. 3
Watonwan SWCD	Heidi Rudolph	507-375-2517

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Wilkin SWCD	Craig Lingen	218-643-2933, ext. 3
Winona County	Ross Dunsmoor	507-457-6522
Winona County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Sue Glende	507-523-2171, ext. 102
Winona SWCD (AgBMP and State Cost-Share Program)	Wanda Anderson, Daryl Buck	507-523-2171, ext. 101, 112
Wright County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Julie Reberg	763-682-1933, ext. 3
Wright County Planning and Zoning (AgBMP Loan Program)	Bill Stephens	763-682-7338
Wright SWCD	Eric Mattson	763-682-1970
Yellow Medicine County Zoning Office	Jolene Johnson	320-669-7524

* The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a financial and technical assistance program available through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This program is primarily intended for rural and agricultural properties. **The program is limited to agricultural producers, who are property owners who raise food or fiber on the property.** Depending on the county, well sealing (called "well decommissioning" in EQIP) is eligible by itself for financial assistance or is eligible if submitted with other conservation practices. Contact the local office of the NRCS in your county for details.

** Ramsey County, Capitol Region Watershed District includes parts of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Roseville, and St. Paul. The address of the property with the well must be in the district.

Note: Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) have a cost-share program to promote natural resource conservation practices in the county. This program is primarily intended for rural and agricultural properties. These funds can now be used for well sealing. Each SWCD manages its own program. Contact the local office of the SWCD in your county for details.

Additional information regarding low interest loans and grants is listed on page 7.



Grants and Loans for Home Water Treatment and Well Construction, Repair, and Sealing in 2020

Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants

This program offers loans and grants for well construction, repair, and sealing. The Rural Development office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture administers this program. The program is for very low income families who live in a rural area or a community with a population of 25,000 or less. The family income cannot exceed 50 percent of the median county income. Individuals who are 62 years of age or older may qualify for a grant or a combination of a loan and grant; younger applicants are eligible only for loans. The counties of Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington are all ineligible. Even if your property is in an eligible area, your eligibility is still subject to income limits.

For additional information:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture at 651-602-7800.
- [Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family%20housing-repair-loans-grants) (www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family%20housing-repair-loans-grants).

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Loan Programs

Rehabilitation Loan/Emergency and Accessibility Loan Program: Provides deferred loan financing to low income homeowners needing to rehabilitate their existing residential housing. The program can be used to include well sealing and well replacement where connection to a municipal water supply is not feasible. The statewide income limit is \$21,000 for one person, \$24,000 for two persons, and higher for larger families.

Fix Up Program: Offers loans for well construction, repair, and sealing. The income limit for homeowners is \$132,500 to \$149,500 depending on the county. There are no restrictions on location in this program. There is a fixed interest rate. A qualifying homeowner may repay the loan with fixed monthly payments. The repayment term will be based on the loan amount and household budget. For a list of participating lenders and the current interest rate visit their website.

For additional information:

- Minnesota Housing Finance Agency at 800-710-8871; in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, call 651-296-8215.
- [Rehabilitation Loan/Emergency and Accessibility Loan Program](http://www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1358904992980&pagename=External%2FPage%2FEXTStandardLayout) (www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1358904992980&pagename=External%2FPage%2FEXTStandardLayout).
- [Fix Up Program](http://www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1358904985835&pagename=External/Page/EXTStandardLayout) (www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1358904985835&pagename=External/Page/EXTStandardLayout).

Agriculture Best Management Practices (AgBMP) Loan Program

Local counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts administer this loan program offered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for well replacement, water filtration equipment, connection to central water, well sealing, and other practices that prevent water pollution. You do not need to be a farmer to qualify.

Financing is available for existing privately owned wells that provide drinking water for people or livestock. Irrigation and other commercial wells are not eligible. There are no income limits in this program. The loan terms include a maximum of \$200,000, a maximum length of ten years, and a maximum interest rate of 3 percent plus usual and customary fees.

For additional information:

- [AgBMP Loan Program Borrower Information](https://www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmploan/borrower) (<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmploan/borrower>).
- [Find AgBMP Loan County Contacts and Lenders](https://app.gisdata.mn.gov/mda-agbmploan/) (<https://app.gisdata.mn.gov/mda-agbmploan/>).
- Dwight Wilcox or Richard Gruenes of MDA at 651-201-6618.