

Well Logs

Water well reports, often called a "well logs" are prepared by the well driller as required by Oregon water law. Well logs provide information on geologic formations encountered in a well and list details concerning well design, construction, and yields. They are a basic tool used in checking for ground water availability in the surrounding area and may be the only information about your aquifer. The Water Resources Department (OWRD) has well logs for most of the water wells drilled in Oregon since 1955. However, the likelihood of finding records for wells drilled after 1970 is much higher than for older wells. Well logs are available on the OWRD's website:

www.wrd.state.or.us

Of great value in researching a land owner's well log is for the land owner to provide everything they know or have heard about their well. The best scenario is having a copy of their well log. The minimum information needed in a well log search is the land owner's name and address and the township, range, section, and tax lot number of the property.

The OWRD's home website has link to: "Find A Well Log" at which you will find a page entitled "Well Log Query Application."

At this point you enter the basic search criteria - **Well Log Query Application.**

After the well log query application step you choose the appropriate well log from the list - **Well Log Query Results.**

Researching Well Logs

Well Log Query Application
http://stamp.wrd.state.or.us/apps/gw/well_log/well_log.php

Township (T.), Range (R.), and Section (Sec.)
County
Constructor
Owner Last Name
Company Name
Completed Date
Received Date
Completed Depth
Start Card
Well Log ID #
Well Tag #
Taxlot #



There are numerous ways to query the information. One of the most useful ways is to search under township, range, and section. The data for all of the wells in the section(s) will be displayed on the screen. For effective searches, use a unique identifier, such as the original owner's name, tax lot information, street address, or age of well. You may view an image of the well log if you have a TIFF viewer on your computer, typically provided with systems like Microsoft Windows 95 and 98.

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The T., R., Sec., and tax lot number can be identified from your Josephine County annual "Real Property Tax Statement."

More Information

Well Log Query Results

- Well Log
- Township, Range, Quarter Section, Quarter-Quarter Section
- Tax Lot
- Street Of Well (address)
- Owner
- Company
- Well Type
- First Water
- Completed Depth
- Static Water Level
- Yield
- Completed Date
- Received Date
- Bonded Constructor
- Start Card
- Well ID#
- Construction Type: new construction, abandonment, deepening, reconditioning, and repair.
- Well Uses: Domestic Use, Irrigation, Community, Industrial, Injection, Thermal, & Livestock



Gall, OWRD, Talking To Neighbors

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood*, or a member of OWRD, on how you can become involved in this volunteer well water monitoring program.

