

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM

Purpose of Cost Share Practice:

This practice serves to prevent entry of vermin, debris, or other foreign substances into the well or well bore hole. Eliminate the physical hazard of an open hole to people, animals, and farm machinery. Prevent entry of contaminated surface water into well and migration of contaminants into unsaturated (vadose) zone or saturated zone. Prevent the commingling of chemically or physically different ground waters between separate water bearing zones.

Cost share rate is 60% up to \$750.00 maximum for any irrigation well, any well that pumps 50 gallons or less up to a \$500.00 maximum and any hand-dug well up to \$1,000.00 maximum.

Use Central Platte NRD Well Decommissioning Application Forms.

Applications must be in the name of the landowner with corresponding social security number or tax ID number.

Natural Resources Conservation Service certification is not required.

If a landowner is drilling a replacement well and decommissioning the old well at the same time, immediate cost share may be applied for from the NRD and awarded immediately if funds are available. But, in all other cases when cost share is requested, Central Platte NRD Board approval is required prior to actual awarding of funds. After application approval, form will be returned to landowner for well contractor completion and certification.

A licensed water well contractor or licensed pump installation contractor is required to decommission the well and verify that the water well was decommissioned in accordance with state law, standards, rules, and regulations. If the well has been registered, landowners are required to provide the well registration (well log) to the well contractor as well as file the necessary Well Decommissioning Form with the Department of Water Resources, PO Box 94676, Lincoln NE 68509-4676 to get the decommissioned well off the records.

Claims for payment will not be accepted more than five months from the date the application is approved. There are no extensions.

Items of cost for which reimbursement is claimed must be supported by documentation of payments made or due.