

Note to New Property Owners

If you've purchased a property with a well on it, you must transfer well ownership. If you've just drilled a new well, you must register the well. Call the Dept. of Natural Resources at

the Bozeman Water Resources Office 586-3136

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Water Rights Fee Reminder

Well owners who haven't yet received an invoice on their water rights from the state shouldn't assume they don't have to pay the state fee.

Montana law requires all wells drilled after January 1, 1962 be filed with the state, and the new law requires an assessment fee to be paid for that water right.

If a well owner hasn't received the invoice, it's possible the water rights weren't filed properly with the Department of Natural Resources or that the invoice was mailed to a previous owner.

Regardless of the situation, DNRC Director Mary Sexton said if property owners have a well, they need to get the water right associated with that property filed with the DNRC. They also need to pay the new fee for that water right.

The Dept. of Revenue has the authority to file a lien against anyone who fails to pay the assessment, Sexton said.

Well owners who have not received an invoice from the state should contact their local DNRC office for assistance. Park County residents can call the DNRC Regional Office at 586-3136 or visit it at 151 Evergreen Dr. in Bozeman.

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