



Selecting a Well Drilling Contractor or Pump Service

It is a good idea to obtain information about several contractors in the area prior to selecting a water well contractor for a job.

Estimates & Written Contracts

It is recommended that you get at least 3 bids from different contractors. Get the bids in writing and make sure that the bids and estimates are for comparable materials, service, and guarantee. A low bid is not necessarily the best bargain; the contractor may not have included at the work quoted by competitors. When you select the contractor that you wish to use, it is important to obtain a written contract. You should also request that the contract provide an itemized breakdown of services and costs. Written contracts and bids might include the following:

- A statement describing the property owner's or drillers responsibility for obtaining all necessary authorizations and permits.
- A statement describing exactly what work is to be done.
- A statement that all work is to comply with local and state regulations and codes.
- Liability insurance coverage held by both the owner and the contractor
- The type of well development and yield evaluation procedures to be used and the well disinfection procedure to be used
- The type materials to be used and equipment to be installed, for example casing, screens, pumps, well caps, pressure tanks and water meters if necessary.
- The cleanup after drilling, which includes all material abandoned without authorization at a drill site except drill cuttings and wastewater
- The terms of any guarantee (contractor or manufacturer) on the well and well equipment.
- The expected date for starting and completing the work and the payment schedule



Costs

An itemized list of charges is better than a lump sum. The list could include:

- Cost of drilling per foot and Cost of casing per foot
- Cost of other materials such as drive shoe, grout, and well cap
- Cost of other operations such as grouting, developing (if longer than one hour, as in screened wells), test pumping, and disinfection
- Cost of drilling deeper and/or second well, if required to ensure an adequate water supply
- Cost of plugging and abandonment should it prove necessary (for instance, if poor water quality or low yields are encountered and another site is selected)
- A list of what costs are not included in the specifications.



Considerations

- Is the contractor familiar with the rules and construction standards of the Barton Springs/ Edwards Aquifer Conservation District?
- Is the contractor licensed with the state's Texas Department of Licensing & Registration? Is the license current and in good standing or do they have a history of complaints and enforcement? A well owner should verify this information with TDLR.

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- Does the contractor have experience with drilling wells in this area?
- How long has the company been in business?

- Can the contractor provide references? Are there references available that are not provided by the contractor?
- Does the contractor submit well logs?
- Does the contractor have adequate equipment in good condition to do the job?
- Does the contractor have adequate liability and workers' compensation insurance to protect you?
- Will the contractor furnish a written contract specifying the terms and conditions of the job?

Customer Follow up

After the well has been constructed and before the contractor removes his equipment from the site, you should obtain information for your records such as:

- Well Depth, Water Level, Pump size, Casing Depth etc.
- Well Yield - Ask the contractor at how many gallons per minute(gpm) the well was tested, what distance the water level dropped during the test, and how quickly the water level recovered after the test.
- Disinfection - Ask the contractor if the well was disinfected.
- State Well Report - Make certain that you receive your copy of the state well report. The contractor is required to provide copies of the record to the owner and the groundwater District. It would be advisable to keep your well record with your house deed so that the information is passed on to future owners.



Keep in Mind . . .

Trust the contractor's judgment in solving unforeseen difficulties that may come up, and discuss unforeseen costs. If original construction plans must be changed, discuss the options with the contractor. Don't expect the contractor to work for free if the well does not fulfill expectations. Even if the well is properly constructed, the well's performance is dependent on the local aquifer conditions and may not yield the desired quantity or quality.

Water Well Drillers, Pump Installers, and Well Service Contractors

The following is a list of local Water Well Drillers, Pump Installers, and Well Service contractors that are registered and licensed with the Texas Department of Licensing and Registration (TDLR). BSEACD does not endorse the following contractors and service providers, but provides this list as a convenience to the public. There may be additional contractors unknown to the BSEACD. When you select a contractor you can ask for their license number and research the information in the state's Water Well Driller database: <http://www.tdlr.texas.gov/LicenseSearch/LicenseSearch.asp>

Well Drilling/ Pump & Well Service	Contact	City	Phone
Associated Drilling Co	James Benoit & Frank Glass	DRIPPING SPRINGS TX	(512) 894-3535
Bee Cave Drilling	Jim Blair	DRIPPING SPRINGS TX	(512) 894-4221
Central Texas Drilling	Aaron Glass	DRIPPING SPRINGS TX	(512) 894-0555
Geoprojects International	Pat Goodson	AUSTIN TX	(512) 288-3777
Jolander Well Drilling	Curtis Jolander	WIMBERLEY TX	(512) 847-3823
Kutscher Drilling Ltd	Chris Knox	SAN MARCOS	(512) 353-0075
Precision Geothermal Drilling	Anthony Sarris	AUSTIN TX	(512) 550-5600
Wellspec	Joe Vickers	DRIPPING SPRINGS TX	(512) 894-4424
Whisenant & Lyle Water Services	Tyler Sutliff	DRIPPING SPRINGS TX	(512) 858-4375
Well and Pump Service	Contact	City	Phone
Aart's Well Service	Aart Pot	DRIPPING SPRINGS TX	(512) 858-4526
Alan Miller Water Well Services	Alan Miller	KYLE TX	(512) 268-6681
Aqua Pump & Well Services	Ryan Hudson	DRIPPING SPRINGS TX	(512) 264-0060
Balcones Water Well Service	Michael Endres	DRIFTWOOD TX	(512) 847-3270
Barth Gephart Water Well Service	Barth Gephart	DRIPPING SPRINGS TX	(512) 858-5298
Bundick Well & Pump Co	David Bundick	WIMBERLEY TX	(512) 923-1958
Dave's Well Service	David McBride	MANCHACA TX	(512)-280-7642
David McDearmon Waterwells Inc	David McDearmon	MANCHACA TX	(512) 280-2865
Glass Well Service	Delton Glass	AUSTIN TX	(512) 288-1963
Hunt Pump Service	Ben Hunt	WIMBERLEY TX	(512) 847-6996
Lovelace Water Well Service	James Lovelace	DRIPPING SPRINGS TX	(512) 858-7965