



CITY OF VISALIA BUILDING SAFETY DIVISION

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WELL DESTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

References: California Well Standards Ordinance [WSO] (including DWR Water Well Standards Bulletin 74-81 and 74-90, and subsequent revisions)

California Water Code [WC]

ONLY persons who possess an active C-57 Water Well Contractors License may perform well destructions. [WC Section 13750.5; WSO Section 2.4.3] Well destruction performed as an "incidental part" of a larger job by a contractor not possessing a C-57 license is not allowed.

No person shall destroy any well without first applying for and receiving a Permit issued by the City of Visalia [WSO Section 2.1.1] All available well construction data shall be submitted with the application for a well destruction permit.

All well destructions shall be performed according to Part III, Sections 20-23, Bulletin 74-81 and 74-90 [WSO Section 3]. Methods and materials used in well destructions will vary depending on the following factors:

1. Well construction features such as overall depth, type and depth of perforations or screen (if any); type and depth of seal provided (if any); gravel packed, hard rock, or open bottom well; etc.
2. Subsurface hydrologic and geologic features specific to the area such as clay layers, rock fractures or water bearing strata.
3. Historical water quality data or proximity of known hazardous or contaminated materials sites indicating possible contamination or water quality problems in the area, in a given strata, or at a given depth. In certain situations a "work plan" prepared by a Registered Geologist or Registered Civil Engineer may be required prior to Permit approval. [WSO Section 5]

A State of California Well Completion Report (aka "Well Log") shall be submitted to the City of Visalia Building Safety Division within 30 days of the completion of any well destruction. [WC Section 13751; WSO Section 7.1]