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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)
[http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/sd/groundwater/california_well_standards/
well_standards_content.html](http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/sd/groundwater/california_well_standards/well_standards_content.html)
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 Fresno County Department of Public Health. [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].

1. A hole shall be excavated around the well casing to a depth of 5 feet below the ground surface and the well casing removed to the bottom of the excavation (a variance to not excavate the casing may be requested for special circumstances).
2. The sealing material used for the upper portion of the well shall be allowed to spill over the casing into the excavation to form a cap.
3. After the well has been properly filled, including sufficient time for the sealing material in the excavation to set, the excavation shall be filled with native soil.
4. A State of California Well Completion Report ("Well Log") shall be submitted to the Fresno County Department of Public Health within 30 days of the completion of any well destruction. [WC Section 13751; WSO Section 7.1].

Materials used for sealing and fill materials are as follows:

1. Impervious Sealing Materials. Approved impervious materials include neat cement, sand-cement grout, concrete, and bentonite clay.
2. Filler Material. These include clay, silt, sand, gravel, crushed stone and clean native soils.