



## Questions about groundwater permits or pumping records?

Contact the local Nevada State Engineer's office.

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### Southern Nevada Water Authority

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You may also call **258-7288** or log on to [snwa.com](http://snwa.com).



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## The GMP is working for you

The Groundwater Management Program (GMP) has come a long way since its creation in 1997. The program was established to help manage the valley's groundwater resources and provide well users with conservation and financial-assistance programs. Over the years, participants in the GMP have taken advantage of these programs, saving water and protecting the local groundwater aquifer.

**Financial Programs.** Several financial-assistance programs established by the Advisory Committee for Groundwater Management help ease the financial burden for well users who want or need to connect to a municipal supply. More than 470 homes and businesses have taken advantage of these programs, helping to reduce heavy demands on the local groundwater aquifer.

**Conservation Programs.** The GMP program also works to reduce demands through conservation efforts. Well users can earn a \$1.50 rebate for every square foot of turf converted to water-efficient landscaping. Collectively, local well users have successfully removed more than 1.6 million square feet of turf since the program began.

**Sub-meter Assistance Program.** Most recently, the Sub-meter Assistance Program has enabled well users to track personal water use and make the changes necessary to avoid overpumping or incurring fines. Since March 2009, nearly 350 sub-meters have been provided through the program.

**Permanent recharge.** The GMP uses funds collected through well-user fees to purchase treated Colorado River water to permanently recharge the



The Sub-meter Assistance Program provides well users with a 1-inch water meter to help monitor water use.

local aquifer. To date, more than 17,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water has been permanently injected into the groundwater aquifer. Recharge not only stabilizes groundwater levels, but also benefits well users with more wells that stay in operation longer, run more efficiently and use less energy.

**Plugging and Abandonment Program.** More than 300 unused wells have been plugged and abandoned through this program, designed to protect groundwater quality. Continued participation is vital, as unused and improperly maintained wells can release contaminants into the groundwater supply.

The GMP is committed to supporting well users throughout the Las Vegas Valley with conservation tools, financial assistance and aquifer protection programs.

Learn more at [LasVegasGMP.org](http://LasVegasGMP.org).

# Report abandoned wells online

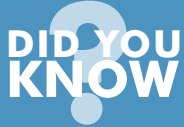
The GMP website now features a convenient way to report abandoned wells. Once on the website, click on the “Wells & Groundwater” tab to access the online form. The form is easy to complete and is a convenient way to report possible abandoned wells in your neighborhood. After you submit the form, staff will conduct a site visit to determine the well status and contact the owner about the GMP’s Plugging and Abandonment Program.

Abandoned or unused wells pose a significant risk to groundwater quality. If not properly sealed, these wells can act as a direct channel for contaminants to reach local groundwater supplies. The Southern Nevada Water Authority maintains the Plugging and Abandonment Program that plugs and abandons unused wells for free.

If you have an unused well on your property, or know of an abandoned well, please visit [LasVegasGMP.org](http://LasVegasGMP.org) or contact the Groundwater Information Line at **258-7288**.

The screenshot shows the 'Report an Abandoned Well' form. It includes a navigation menu on the left with links like Home, About the Program, GMP Fee & Billing, Conservation, Financial Assistance, Wells & Groundwater, Basin Facts, Shallow Aquifer, Groundwater Wells, Well Protection, Report an Abandoned Well, Plugged Wells, and GW History in LV. The main form area has a title 'Report an Abandoned Well' and a brief instruction. Below this are several input fields: 'Date Observed' (with a dropdown menu showing '04/18/2011'), 'City' (with a dropdown menu showing 'Choose city'), 'Address or nearest cross streets of abandoned well', 'Property Type' (with radio buttons for 'Vacant Land', 'Residential Property', 'Commercial Property', and 'Other'), 'Description of Well' (with a text area), 'Contact Information (optional)' (with fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Phone', and 'E-mail'), and 'Additional Comments (optional)' (with a large text area). A 'Submit' button is at the bottom right.

Fill out the online form to report abandoned or unused wells at [LasVegasGMP.org](http://LasVegasGMP.org).



The Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) recommends testing well water annually for harmful substances. Contact the SNHD at **759-0677** with questions or to obtain a list of local water-quality laboratories.

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