

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME

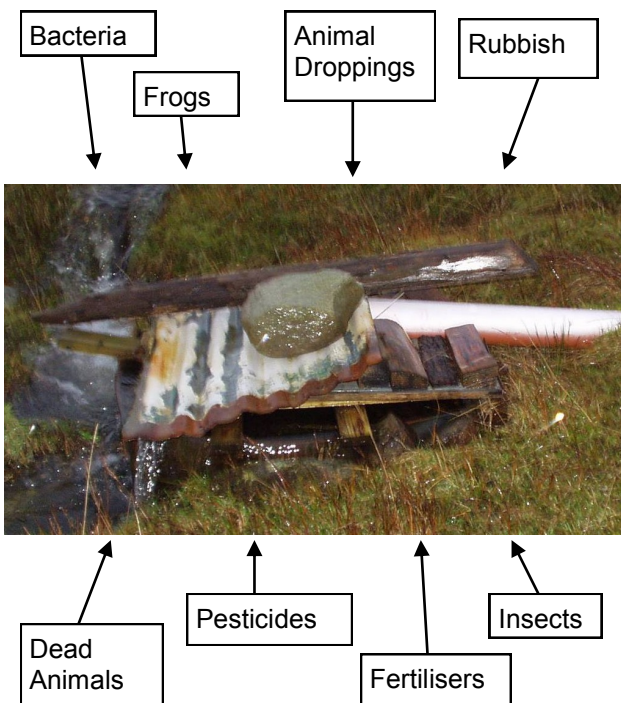
WHAT IS THE SCHEME ABOUT?

The scheme is designed to improve the quality of private water supplies and to improve the health of users.

Properties on private water supplies are eligible to a grant up to a maximum of £800 per property to improve their private water supply

WHY SHOULD I IMPROVE MY WATER SUPPLY?

If your water supply is untreated or not adequately treated then you, your family and any visitors to your property may be at risk of contracting a potentially serious illness. Statistics show that you are between 22-50 times more likely to get ill if you drink an untreated private water supply.



WHAT IS A PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY?

A private water supply is one that is not provided by a statutory water undertaker, e.g. Scottish Water, and where responsibility for its maintenance and repair lies with the owner or persons who use it.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If your premises are in Scotland and served by a private water supply; the supply is the main or sole supply of water for human consumption purposes to these premises; and the supply is in need of improvement to bring it up to modern standards.

The grant is available to private water supplies serving domestic, commercial and some public premises.

WHO CAN APPLY?

You can apply for a private water supply grant if you own the supply or use the supply. This includes tenants of the property but if you do not own the property then you must get the owners written permission.

HOW MUCH CAN I GET?

The grant **is not** means tested and you can get up to £800 for each premises served.

GRANT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO:

- i. Any public bodies or office-holder; or
- ii. New premises or developments; or
- iii. Premises which are the subject to a closing order under section 114 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987; demolition order under section 115 of the Act or a dangerous building notice under section 30 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003
- iv. Empty or unoccupied premises, or premises which do; or
- v. For connection to the public mains water supply; or

Premises which do not meet the Tolerable Standard except where it is not met in relation to an adequate piped supply of wholesome water.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for a grant please complete an application form. Forms are available from your area office or can be downloaded from the councils website.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

Once you have made your application then an officer will contact you. Depending on the type of supply you are on they may need to visit you to carry out a risk assessment of your supply. If you are served by a high risk supply then this may already have been carried out.

Once a risk assessment has been carried out then you will need to get quotes for the works that are required. They will need to be provided to the council before the application is approved.

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WILL I NEED TO CARRY OUT?

The works required to improve you supply will vary greatly from one supply to another. The risk assessment visit from one of our officers will highlight what types of works will be required. If your supply is very complex then you should employ a water engineer to look at the supply in greater depth and develop a specification, the cost of this can be included in your application quotation.

WHEN CAN I START THE WORKS?

Do not start any works until you have received a letter confirming that your application has been approved and informing you how much you will be eligible to receive. If you start work before the application has been approved then you will not get any money.

WHO PAYS FOR THE WORKS?

You will need to pay for the works in full and then submit receipts to the council for reimbursement. Alternatively you can sign a mandate to instruct the council to pay your contactor direct. You should check that he is happy with this arrangement before doing this.

HOW DO I GET MY MONEY?

Once all of the works have been carried out and paid for you will inform the council and they will come and check the supply has been improved. They will take a further sample and ask you to submit original receipts showing the works have been paid for.

When the works have been paid for and the results of the tests show the water supply now meets the standards then we will arrange for a cheque to be issued to you for the grant amount.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION TO HELP ME IMPROVE OR MAINTAIN MY SUPPLY?

For on how to look after your supply and what you can do to make it safe please visit the council website or go to www.privatewatersupplies.gov.uk

If you are unable to access the internet then please contact your area office and they will post out an information pack that may assist you.



This is a typical storage facility for a private water supply. We can provide advice and assistance to make it safer.



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Planning and Regulatory Services (HQ)
Private Water Supplies Grant Scheme
Kilmory
Lochgilphead
PA31 8RT

Tel 01546 605519

Email enquiries

envhealth@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Web information

www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/pws

www.privatewater supplies.gov.uk

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Everything you need to know about the grant available to you to improve your private water supply.

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