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Welcome to Austin County

Austin County is one of the four (4) counties located in the area of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District. The District was created by the Texas legislature in 2001 as a locally controlled groundwater district in order to protect and recharge groundwater, to prevent pollution or waste of groundwater, to control subsidence caused by the withdrawal of water from the groundwater reservoirs in the area, and to regulate the transport of water out of the boundaries of the district. The District consists of the entire land area of Austin, Grimes, Waller and Walker Counties.

If you use or plan to use water from a public water supply (municipal water system, water supply corporation, etc.) that relies on well water for their source of water, that public water supply is subject to and must comply with the rules of the District.

If you use or plan to use water from a water well that currently exists or that you plan to have drilled, the operation of that well is subject to and must comply with the rules of the District.

Wells on private property that supply water for domestic or agricultural use are classified by the District as exempt wells and do not have to be operated under an operating permit from the District and do not have to pay monthly water use fees to the District. However these wells have to be registered with the District and authorization must be obtained from the District prior to drilling, modifying, capping, plugging or performing other activities relating to the well. There are no District fees charged for registration or securing authorization from the District for exempt wells except that a Well Log Deposit of \$100.00 is required prior to authorization for drilling a new well or for re-boring an existing well. This deposit is returned if all documents including a copy of the drillers log are filed with the District within 60 days of completion of the well.

The reason for the District's activities is to ensure that you and all of your neighbors, including non-exempt users, have adequate groundwater resources for the future. Management of the water withdrawn from the aquifers within the District to ensure that the groundwater resources within the District are not depleted is the prime purpose of the District.

If you have questions or need forms for the registration of a well or for the development of a new well, please contact the District. The forms for registration or development of a well may also be downloaded from the District web page. Additional information about the District and its activities is available on the District's web page at bluebonnetgroundwater.org.