



## What information will help me to maintain or improve my supply?



The most important thing you can do is to know your supply and look after it.

Your private water supply is composed of the source, a pipe or pipes that convey the water to your home or premises (that may have tanks or junctions along the way) and finally the plumbing within your home or premises.

You should know about all parts of the supply so that you can tell if something changes or goes wrong.

If you know your supply you will be in a better position to react if there are changes in the quality of the water or if something else goes wrong with the supply e.g. a broken pipe.

If you share the supply or your pipes run across somebody else's land then make an effort to talk with them and to share your experiences of the supply.

- If you are new to the area then your neighbours will be an invaluable source of information.
- If you have lived there for a while then you will be a very useful contact for others who may be trying to get to know the supply.
- Talk to local tradesmen e.g. plumbers, who may have worked on the supply. They will be able to advise of local conditions and known local problems as well as their solutions.
- Talking to your solicitor or examining the title deeds or rental agreement for your property is another way you may be able to learn where the source of your supply is located. You may also discover what rights you have over the gathering of water and the maintenance of the supply.
- If you don't feel able to contact your neighbours but still want to get to know your supply then your local environmental health department will be able to provide information and assistance that will aid you in your efforts.

