



## TULARE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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### WELL DESTRUCTION PROCEDURES

1. A C-57 licensed contractor must complete a well permit application with Tulare County Environmental Health.
2. The pump, electrical wiring and any piping must be removed.
3. The well casing must be cleared of all undesirable materials including obstructions to filling and sealing, debris, oil (from oil lubricated pumps) or contamination that could interfere with the well's destruction.
4. Excavate around the casing to a depth of five (5) feet below grade, with the well casing cut to the bottom of the excavation.
5. Fill the lower portion of the well with inorganic fill material (clay, silt, gravel, sand, native soil, etc.)
6. Fill the top 20' to 30' of the well casing with sealing material approved by the California Well Standards and subsequent bulletins (neat cement, sand cement, bentonite, etc.). The sealing material must overflow the casing and form a "mushroom cap". Refer to the diagram below for a representation.
7. Backfill the excavation with native soil once the sealing material has hardened.

Additional Notes: Conditions at any given site may call for more stringent requirements as necessary to protect groundwater resources. A Well Completion Report is required on all well destructions.

