

TOST in Pictures

Part 1—Wells

Barry-Eaton District Health Department

About TOST

The Time of Sale or Transfer (TOST) program helps to protect the health of our community and our environment. On-site wells can be contaminated by harmful germs, nutrients such as nitrates, and other chemicals. On-site septic (sewage) systems can carry disease and contaminate water. TOST aims to make sure that wells are not in danger of being contaminated and that septic systems are not in danger of contaminating groundwater, ponds, streams, rivers, and other bodies of water.

Pictures of well issues

The pictures below show well issues that could endanger human or environmental health. All images were taken by BEDHD sanitarians or Registered Evaluators in Barry and Eaton counties during TOST inspections.

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Broken well head

A Registered Evaluator found that this well head was broken off and the well was open to the elements. Wells without well heads can be contaminated by insects, dirt, small animals, and pollution.



Flooded well

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