

## Plum Creek Conservation District

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### Test Hole Application

1. A legal description of the tract upon which the test hole is proposed to be drilled.
  
2. The date for commencing drilling of the test hole or the time period during which all test holes will be drilled.
  
3. The exact location of each test hole, including longitude and latitude coordinates, the name of the current landowner as listed on the tax roll with the volume and page data from the Caldwell or Hays County Deed Records, and the approximate distance and location in fact to the nearest public road, property line or other landmark; and the survey in which the land is located.
  
4. If the person proposing to obtain permission for the test hole is not the owner of the Property on which the drilling activity is to take place, the person seeking authority for the test hole must furnish some written document evidencing authority to be on the property for the purposes of exploring for groundwater through test holes.
  
5. The name and address of the driller or contractor.

6. The date the test hole(s) is to be completed.
  
7. An acknowledgement that the person(s) responsible for drilling of the test hole will provide drilling logs and/or plugging reports to the District upon completion of the test hole operation.
  
8. An acknowledgment that each test hole will either be properly plugged on or before the expiration of the test hole permit or, if a decision is made to convert a test hole to a permitted water well having an Operating Permit or into a monitor well, that the test hole will be capped with a covering capable of sustaining a weight of at least 400 pounds until the test hole is converted into an exempt well, a well having an Operating Permit or into a registered monitor well.
  
9. An acknowledgment that the owner will make appropriate applications to the District pursuant to Rule 4 for conversion of the test hole into a well having an Operating Permit or into a Monitor Well or registered exempt well within sixty (60) days of completion of drilling if the test hole(s) is not plugged.
  
10. Any other information deemed necessary by the District.

**Applicant's Sworn Statement**

I hereby swear and affirm that the information given herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am aware of, knowledgeable of, and will comply with all District Rules.

Owner's or Applicant's Signature

Date

### **RULE 3- Test Holes**

- A. A test hole can be used to determine some subsurface characteristics for use with other types of well applications. A test hole cannot be used to produce water for any purpose except that of characterizing the subsurface formation and water contained in those formations unless it is converted into a water well having an Operating Permit issued after consideration of an appropriate application, or a monitor well, or a registered exempt well.
- B. A person wishing to explore for groundwater by using one or more test holes must file with the District an application for authority to drill the number of desired test holes prior to commencement of drilling each test hole. The application for authority to drill one or more test holes shall be accompanied by payment of the prescribed fee(s), and include all of the following additional information:
  - C. If the test hole is not completed as an exempt well or no application is received by the District to convert the Test Hole into a Monitor Well or a well having an Operating Permit within one (1) year after the stated date for completion of the test hole, the test hole must be plugged; provided, however, that the District may grant authority to further extend the period during which the test hole may remain unplugged.
  - D. Authority to drill Test Holes may be granted by the District's Executive Manager if the Manager determines that all required information has been submitted and that the fees have been paid. Any extension of time for a Test Hole to remain unplugged must be submitted to and approved by the District's Board.
  - E. Drilling activities pursuant to the authority granted for a Test Hole must commence within one hundred twenty (120) days following the issuance of authority to drill a Test Hole.
  - F. If the person to whom Test Hole authority is issued fails to plug the Test Hole as required, the District may act to plug the Test Hole and seek to recover its costs from the Applicant.