

Directions for use:

- In drilled wells, have the pump and drop pipe removed if one is installed.
- Measure the static (resting) water level by lowering a small weight (such as a metal nut) tied to a string into the well. Mark the string with a pen, tape or knot when the weight hits the water. (You will either hear a "bloop" sound or feel a slack in the rope.) Retrieve the weight and measure the distance from the weight to your mark. For a true static reading, turn off the water pump for at least two hours before measuring the water level.
- To avoid contaminating the well or water drawn from the well, do not rest the bucket bottom on the ground before or during use. Keep hands away from the water discharge area and do not allow the rope to pick up soil during use.
- The bucket can be sanitized with a weak bleach/water solution before use.
- Attach the well bucket securely to a strong braided (not twisted) polypropylene rope or wire cable more than long enough to reach the water (at least 5 feet longer than the static water level, plus about 20 extra feet at the surface for tying off, looping through a pulley, etc.). If raising the bucket by hand, use 1/2" inch rope or larger. If using a windlass, a smaller diameter rope or wire cable can be used.

- Secure the end of the rope to a stationary object such as a clothesline post so it is not accidentally dropped down the well.
- It is easiest to lower and raise the bucket with a pulley system on a sturdy tripod, although not necessary. A windlass is best for deep wells.
- Slowly lower the bucket into the well (Do not let unit freefall) until reaching the water. Lower the bucket about 5 feet into the water. The bucket will fill automatically as it is submerged, and then seal as it is raised.
- Retrieve the bucket slowly by hoisting it up by hand, pulley, windlass or whatever method was employed. Do not jerk up the well bucket.
- Once at the surface, position the bucket over a clean container. Grasp the handle and pull up on the thumb-lever. When the bucket is empty, release the thumblever. The bottom seal will then close and the bucket is ready to be lowered into the well again. Repeat as necessary.
- Drain all water from the bucket before storing in a clean, dry area.

Seal replacement: The bottom rubber seal should last for years under normal use. (Complete instructions for replacing the seal will be included with each bucket order.)

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