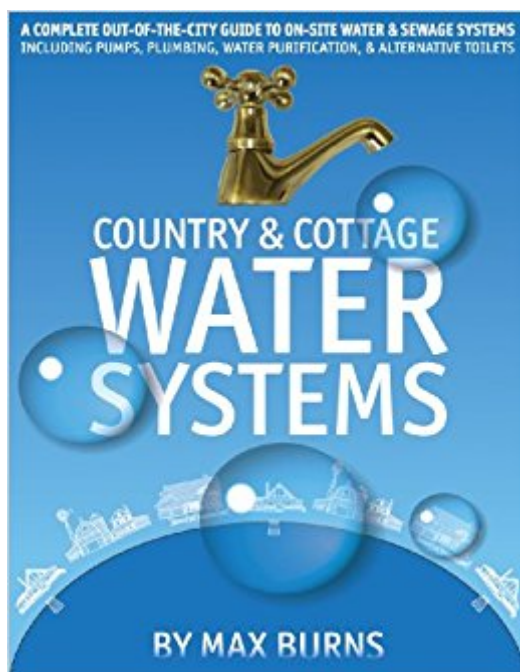


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# Country And Cottage Water Systems: A Complete Out-of-the-City Guide To On-Site Water And Sewage Systems, Including Pumps, Plumbing, Water Purification And Alternative Toilets



## Synopsis

This indispensable guide will save those who live or spend their leisure time in rural areas time, money and headaches. Packed with solid, easy-to-understand advice -- and clear, detailed illustrations -- *Country and Cottage Water Systems* takes the mystery out of rural water systems and their components. Whether planning a new system or updating, expanding or fixing an existing one, the ideas, the know-how and the solutions are all here. The book includes tips for do-it-yourselfers, and guidance for those hiring a professional, on a variety of topics, including: Methods for testing water Making water safe to drink Choosing the right pump Dealing with environmental issues and legal concerns Planning a system's connections Types of wells and how to dig a new one or revitalize an old one Understanding and installing waste systems Troubleshooting septic systems How to reduce a septic system's footprint The pros and cons of alternative toilets How to build an outhouse Getting rid of gray water How to keep pipes from freezing in winter How to winterize a seasonal water system for easy spring start-up From getting water in to getting waste out, *Country and Cottage Water Systems* helps ensure clean, safe water for country and cottage dwellers, as well as hassle-free and environmentally responsible waste disposal.

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Provides a stimulating outlet for [kids] to scratch that unbelievable itch for knowledge and make it entertaining at the same time ...one of the coolest science books I've ever seen.

(wordofmousebooks.com)Burns (The Dock Manual) has updated his 1999 book, *Cottage Water*

Systems. He covers wells, pumps, septic systems, and beyond. This practical manual could use more illustrations, but it is full of important information and evaluation. The focus is primarily on northern climates, so considerations of hot weather and drought are not addressed. That aside, this distinctive book will fill a niche in rural communities. Recommended. (Library Journal) From getting water in to getting waste out, *Country and Cottage Water Systems* aims to take the mystery out of rural water systems and their components. Award-winning writer Max Burns (who specializes in the problems of rural and cottage living), has produced a guide packed with solid, easy-to-understand advice, for those wishing to install a new system, or update, expand or fix an existing one. The book provides tips for do-it-yourselfers, and guidance for those hiring a professional. A variety of water systems topics are covered, including methods for testing water, choosing the right pump, and how to keep pipes from freezing in winter -- all to help ensure clean, safe water for country and cottage dwellers, as well as hassle-free and environmentally responsible waste disposal. (Homes and Cottages 2011-05-31) It's a book that looks like it would be a useful reference for troubleshooting long after installation. (Paula Constantine Providence Journal 2011-02-01)

Max Burns is an award-winning writer who specializes in the problems of rural and cottage living. He is the author of seven books and has written extensively for *Cottage Life* magazine and *Cycle Canada*. He lives outside North Bay, Ontario.

I love this book. It's a great reference for the starting layman in understanding these systems. Simple layouts and format. Easy to read and comprehend. Pictures of cross-sectionals and other perspective views give a nice clear concise visual understanding of the systems and basic components for these systems. After being exposed to my first rural water system (submersible pump with a pressure tank) I was able to determine why I was having problems, the licensed plumbing contractor my dad had hired long ago installed the system wrong and that is why it had always been a nightmare for him and now me. After reading this book I was able to dismantle and reconnect the whole system back correctly and a first try start up. I even shock chlorinated the whole house that has been sitting for a while and added a better filtration system at the pump and RO system at the kitchen sink. All things still working perfect with no loss of prime and no darn leaks as before and no water hammers and the system running quieter and that says a lot for a old system if it's running quieter. Make sure you read Ch. 6 "Purify the Water" before even attempting this. While running the chlorinated water outside and not into the septic system I used baby pools to catch it in and further dilute it then let the chlorine dissipate for a couple of days in the sun before I

used a manual pump to spread it through out my vegetation (used chlorine test strips first then added a nice fish fertilizer to the water before spraying it to my vegetation. Had no ill effects at all and plants robust after their feed. Still reading the book on the different filtration systems so I can update to an even more safer and sound system but for now what I did was a huge upgrade as is. If at all cost at least use the book as a great and very inexpensive knowledge base for yourself even if you have to or decide to hire a plumber, then you can question everything they do with a better understanding and hopefully curb any dishonest up charges or unnecessary work from the more unscrupulous types or make the good plumbers feel appreciated for their knowledge since you will now be able to converse with them on their subject of interest. This has been my go to bible and reference it a lot and has help me better scourer the internet for the proper information to help compliment what I'm trying to achieve now that I know what to look for quicker. Great job to the author Max Burns.

We saw this book at Tractor Supply for \$34. It had fantastic illustrations and descriptions for septic systems and fresh water well systems. Bought it on for a fraction of the price and three days later I was designing my new septic system.

EXCELLENT resource for the DIYer or for more understanding before hiring a contractor!! Good pictures and helpful diagrams. As well as charts etc. Plain layman's language with a dash of humor! I needed info on drilling a well. and later on will need info on septic and alternative toilets. Really liked that its a spiral notebook. I have a feeling ill be using this a lot.

I bought this book because I live in a very rural area and only had a hand pump. This book is terrific and gave me all the information I needed to help me with my well. I would recommend this to everyone who has questions about how to use water systems in rural areas where a well is all they have.

Very comprehensive and detailed review of autonomous residential water systems that can be installed and best operated in the countryside outside the grid.

A great read that feels like you talking to a good neighbor who has been helping people for years. Lots of good practical info here.

This book is written in an enjoyable style, with clear details about the systems presented. Very well illustrated as well. If you plan to install (yourself or by using a contractor) any type of water system for your dwelling, the book is useful.

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