

From Big Headache to Big Business: GeoWater's 23 Years in the Community

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When Mary Lynn and Mike Temple were shopping for a home in Evergreen 24 years ago, they knew one thing: They did not want a house on a private well. "We felt there were too many unknowns with private well ownership," says Mike. However, options being what they are in the mountains, the Temples did find the home of their dreams – and it was on a well. Their fears were realized when they were required to drill a new well for their new home, taking on all of the other work that task requires, such as outsourcing well pump installation and water treatment system design.

"Owning a home on a well can be daunting since private wells are not regulated and are the sole responsibility of the well owner," says Mike. After experiencing this challenge firsthand, the Temples turned their biggest headache into a successful business. Since 2001, they have owned GeoWater Services, LLC, serving the Evergreen and foothills communities with a "one-stop water well resource" so that, unlike their own experience, mountain area well owners can turn to a single business for all of their well-related needs. This includes well water system design, water quality testing, well production testing and water treatment, equipment, installation and maintenance. In the years since, they raised three daughters in Evergreen and now cherish the foothold they have forged in the community. "This allowed us to live and work in the community and be present for all of our children's activities as they grew up," says Mary Lynn. "Even though they are all off on their own, Evergreen will always be a very special part of our family and we take pride in giving back to the community in whatever way we can."

The Temples say they have served more than 30,000 homeowners in the community, from installing complete well systems to providing emergency service, something they prioritize. "No project is too large or too small," GeoWater says on its website. Services they recommend private well owners schedule annually are annual equipment maintenance to avoid costly emergency repairs, and annual water testing. "Spring (when the ground is wet) will usually

be the best time to give an owner the 'worst case' scenario of the water," Mike says in a blog post at www.geowaterusa.com. Well owners in the foothills, especially those with children under 12, should specifically check fluoride levels because certain local areas can have higher-than-normal fluoride levels. Also relevant to certain areas in the foothills is testing for natural radiation in the groundwater from uranium, radium-222, radon-222 and air radon common in the soil.

GeoWater has developed a number of cost-effective water testing packages based on the area's commonly encountered water contaminants and is happy to discuss specific concerns to recommend the testing that meets customers' individual needs.

GeoWater has a team of 18 professionals, including the Temples, along with well pump technicians, water treatment technicians, well production testers, a laboratory manager, three project managers and an office manager. Each employee receives hands-on training covering the latest technological developments in their area of expertise, as well as the skills to clearly communicate with homeowners about their wells and their needs. They are licensed with the Colorado Division of Water Resources and the Department of Regulatory Agencies, bonded and insured. "We take pride in educating our community on the complexities of maintaining a private well with the goal of healthy drinking water," says Mary Lynn.

The Temples have come a long way since the days when they were searching for a home without a well. Says Mary Lynn: "We take pride each time someone visits our home and declares, 'This is the best-tasting water I have ever had!'"

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