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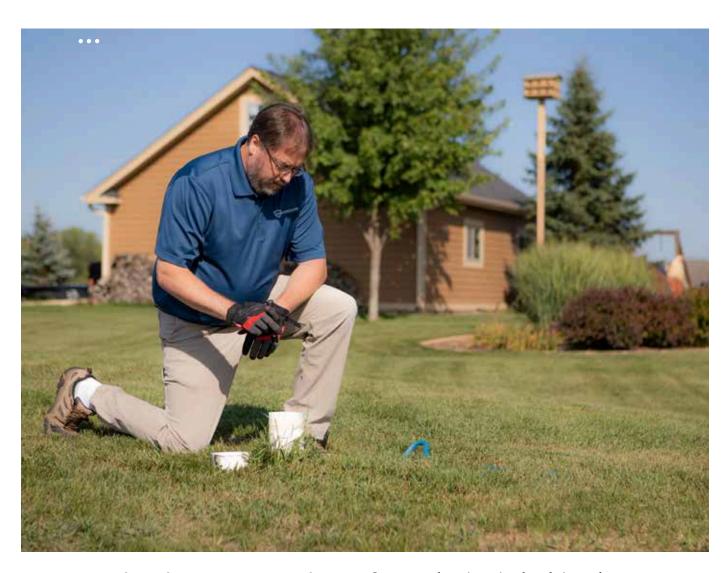


Chad Imme Wendy Kurkowski

Guardian Well and Septic

Chad Imme, owner of Guardian Well and Septic used to be a home inspector in northwest Wisconsin. "The majority of properties in that part of the state had well and septic systems instead of city sewer and water," says Chad. "So I decided to pursue the necessary licenses and education needed to perform these inspections."

This meant undergoing intensive training at the University of Minnesota to learn about the design, installation, servicing, and inspection of all types of well & septic systems. Eventually, he decided to sell his home inspection business to focus solely on Well & Septic Systems.



Now in the Southeastern Wisconsin area, he really fills a particular niche for the Real Estate market by offering a one-stop solution. Well and septic inspections are their only business. They don't sell or maintain systems at all. "It makes us completely unbiased during the inspection process and means every call we get for an inspection is a priority to us," says Wendy Kurkowski, inspector and client coordinator.

In contrast, Well and Septic companies that offer inspections have incentives to find issues. This is because their main business is selling and servicing the equipment they were hired to inspect.

"Another concern," says Chad, "is that —because they focus on the products and maintenance—some of these companies often do not understand the unique nature of Real Estate transactions and what Property Transfer inspections are intended for." Instead, they may treat the inspection more like a service call, which can then lead to overstepping on the report.

It may even be unintentional on their part because they are simply geared towards service calls. The bottom line is that too many systems are being failed or issues overstated when it may not even be relevant for a Property Transfer inspection.

"We understand Real Estate transactions and the differences in Property Transfer inspections," Chad says. "If there is an issue or concern that needs to be addressed, then it will be reported properly but we will not overstep. We understand what is at stake and what our role in the transaction is."

The main concern of Guardian Well and Septic is that —everyone, buyer, seller, and realtors— are all confident in the thoroughness and clarity of the inspection and the inspection process.

"We see many clients nervous about their well and septic inspections," says Chad. "I can put their mind at ease with an explanation or recommendation. Not every system is perfect, and sometimes minor repairs may be needed." "Sometimes it's just a buyer who has never had a well or septic system," he continues. "I can educate them on the systems and make them feel confident in their purchase."

Chad is a proud member of WOWRA (Wisconsin Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association) and WWWA (Wisconsin Well Water Association). He is also an active member of the community and dedicates a significant number of hours each year to continuing education.

Wendy has been coordinating inspections since 2016 and is well versed in securing the proper records needed

from both the County and State levels. She spends many hours outside of the office volunteering in the community and networking with other Real Estate professionals throughout Southeast Wisconsin.

"Our goal is to offer a simple one-stop solution for well and septic inspections and provide clients with an unbiased report based solely on the facts."

If you would like to contact Chad and Wendy, you may call them at (262) 518-2900 or contact them through their website at GuardianWellandSeptic.com.

