

WATER TESTING

ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR THAT WELL WATER IS EASILY CONTAMINATED

“JUST CAUSE IT CAN’T BE SEEN DON’T MEAN ITS NOT THERE”

BE SAFE HAVE YOUR WATER TESTED!

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE LAB TESTS DONE ON THEIR WELL WATER

CALL JODY TAYLOR AT THE HEALTH CENTRE (705-657-2557)

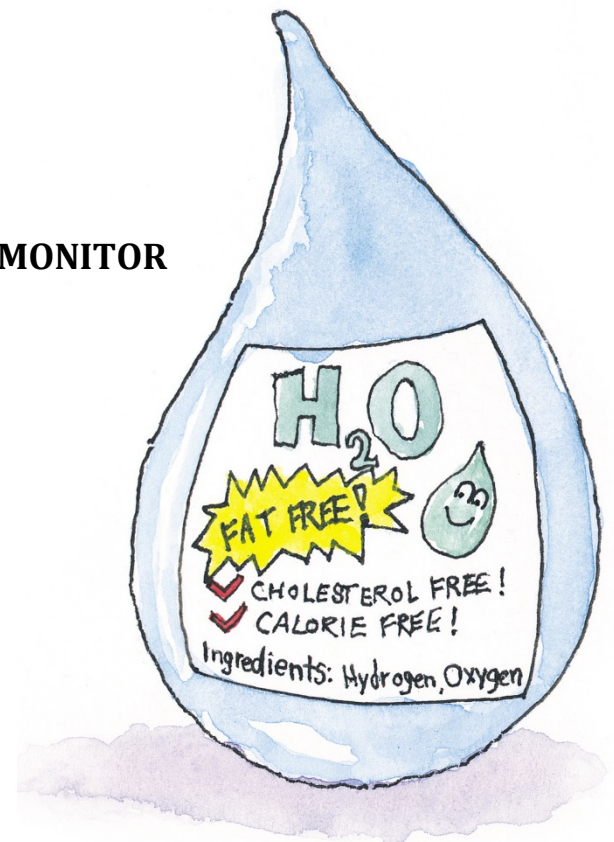
TESTS CAN BE TAKEN ONLY MORNINGS FROM 9:00AM TO 2:00PM
ALL LAB TESTS ARE SENT TO OUR LAB IN OTTAWA AND HAVE TO BE
COURRIERED SO THAT IS WHY TESTS CAN ONLY BE DONE DURING THE
MORNING

COMMUNITY BASED WATER MONITOR



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Well Maintenance Checklist

- ✓ Know where your well is located. Extend the casing above grade, if buried.
- ✓ Watch for changes in the taste, odor and color of the water.
- ✓ Have a sample tested for bacteria at least once a year - more often if problems are suspected or if the well is very shallow.
- ✓ Test for nitrate-nitrogen every three years. Note: test for sodium plus nitrate-nitrogen to verify contaminant source from septic system.
- ✓ Disinfect the well with chlorine after doing any work on the inside of the well or pumping equipment.
- ✓ Inspect the inside of the well at least once a year. Early spring just after the snow has melted is a good time. Also,



- look for signs of surface water seeping or running freely into the well; look for seepage through cracks or stains on the inside of the casing
 - check the seal around the plumbing inlets into the well casing (dug or bored) or well pit, and replace sealing material if water is seeping in from outside the well
 - remove any debris floating in the well and prevent further debris from entering the well
 - Compare your well construction to the diagrams that show proper techniques.
- ✓ Inspect the cover or sanitary seal for cracks and holes.
 - ✓ Check the condition of well vents.
 - ✓ Watch for settling of the ground around the outside of the well casing.
 - ✓ Mound up the ground around the outside of the well or well pit with clean earth.
 - ✓ Keep all potential contamination sources away from the top of the well.
 - ✓ Maintain a permanent grassed buffer at least 3 meters (10 ft.) around your well.