

WATER TESTING

**IT'S 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!**

TESTS CAN BE TAKEN ONLY MORNINGS

FROM 9:00AM TO 1:00PM

**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**

**IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE LAB TESTS DONE ON THEIR WELL
WATER, CALL**

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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.