



PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING

The DuPage County Health Department encourages homeowners with private water wells to have their well water tested annually.

The Health Department offers private well water testing for a \$37 fee, which includes testing for total coliform bacteria and nitrate screening.

For more information
on well water testing

please call the
Health Department
at (630) 682-7400

Additional
information
is available at
www.dupagehealth.org

Residents may stop at any of the Health Department Public Health Centers in Addison, Lombard, Westmont or Wheaton to pick up well water testing supplies and instructions, as well as drop off their samples.

This is the only way that well water will be accepted for testing. Test results are usually known within 72 hours. Corrective actions are suggested should contamination problems be detected.

An annual test is recommended or whenever work is done on the well or plumbing, such as hot water tank replacement. Private well water should be tested more than once a year if there are recurrent incidents of gastrointestinal illnesses among household members or visitors or if there is a change in the taste, odor or appearance of the well water.

An estimated 15 million American households get their water from private ground water wells, which are not subject to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. It is the responsibility of the well owner to maintain and treat their well, in order to ensure their water is safe from harmful contaminants.