

General Information

- ▶ Complete the water testing form accurately
- ▶ Cost:
 - \$22.00 fee for Bacteria test
 - \$19.00 fee for Nitrate test
- ▶ Payable by Cash or Check to Fond du Lac County Treasurer
- ▶ Laboratory Hours:
 - Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8 AM to 4:00 PM
- ▶ A sterile sample bottle from the Health Department or Certified Laboratory is required for collection of sample.
- ▶ Fond du Lac County Health Department may dispose of Records after 5 years.

Checking well

Don't forget to check the outside of your well because this can be a source for contamination! Look for....

- **Vermin** proof well cap
- **Cap** is sealed tightly, should not have any cracks, and must have **vent screen(s)** present
- **Conduit**- make sure it is tightly sealed into the well cap, is not cracked, and is securely attached
- **Well casing** is in good condition
- Area surrounding the casing is clear of standing debris, pet waste, or plant material

What Do The Test Results Mean?

- ▶ This bacteriological test is used to determine safe drinking water
 - “Safe” means no coliform bacteria are present and sample is bacteriologically safe. Consider testing the well again in a year or sooner if you have noticed a sudden change in taste, color, or odor
 - “Unsafe” means that coliform bacteria are present.
- ▶ Coliform bacteria are microorganisms that are found in surface water and soil. Their presence in a water sample indicates a potential pathway for fecal wastes and other disease causing organisms to enter your well.
- ▶ The presence of E. coli in water sample indicates evidence of human or animal fecal contamination of the well.
- ▶ Both coliform and E. coli indicate that the integrity of the well has been compromised and an alternate source of drinking water should be considered.
- ▶ Submitting a second sample is suggested when receiving an “unsafe” result. If second sample is also “unsafe”, corrective actions such as checking the sanitary defects and disinfection of the well are recommended.



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Well Water Sampling Instructions



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STEP 1

Locate a sample tap nearest the well- pressure tank. This could be a bathroom, kitchen, or laundry faucet.

Avoid using swinging, leaky, or gooseneck faucets. Remove any faucet attachments or filters.



STEP 4

Collect sample and then fill the bottle up slightly above the line of the neck of the bottle.

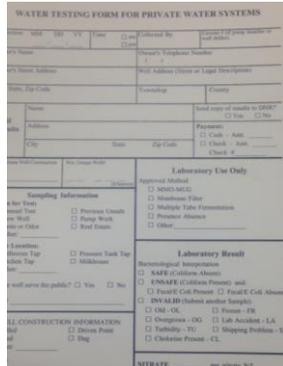
Insufficient amount of water will not give accurate results.





STEP 6

Fill out the Water Testing Form



STEP 2

Run the water at a moderate flow for a minimum of 8-10 min to totally purge the system



STEP 5

Replace cap tightly and place into refrigerator.

Do not freeze



STEP 7

- Deliver the sample **BEFORE** 24 hours of collection and completed form to Health Department Lab.
- Samples are accepted at the lab on **Monday, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays 8am-4pm**
- Test results may not be valid if sample is received at lab more than 24 hours after collection.
- 160 South Macy Street, Fond du Lac, WI on the 3rd floor

STEP 3

Do not remove cap until you are ready to collect the sample. Just before you collect the sample remove seal on bottle and take off the cap. Do not let the cap or inside of bottle touch anything




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