



FREE Testing for Private Residential Wells

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and your local health department (LHD) are working together to help Michigan families know if their well water is safe to drink. Thanks to a \$5 million appropriation made by the Michigan Legislature, Michigan residents who rely on a household or private well for their drinking water can test their well water **for free!**



Most wells are tested when they are first built, but they should continue to be checked periodically for changes to the water that could be harmful to your health. Sometimes bacteria, nitrates, and certain metals, such as arsenic, can be found in well water. To find out if your private well water is safe to drink, talk to your LHD. They will tell you if there are any drinking water concerns in your area and help you determine what you should test for.

After you talk with your LHD, go to **Michigan.gov/EGLEPrivateWells** to order a water test kit, and learn how to collect a sample of your water to send to the EGLE laboratory. Don't worry if you are not sure what the laboratory results mean – the LHD will help residents who test through this free program to understand their test results and determine if any next steps are needed.

Take the first step – contact your Local Health Department today.

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