

# Residential Well Water Testing

**Do you draw your residential water from a private well?**

If your drinking water comes from a private well, test your well water for coliform bacteria and E-coli:

- every 4 months (3 times a year)
- if you suspect a waterborne illness
- if you notice a change in colour, odour or taste

The test is free. You can pick up a water sample bottle at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (water samples submitted in other containers will not be tested at the public health lab).

Water is being tested for bacteria only. People who wish to test their water for the presence of other substances like chemicals or minerals need to send their sample to a private lab.

**For more information on understanding the results of your well water test, visit [www.eohu.ca](http://www.eohu.ca) or call 613-933-1375 or 1 800 267-7120. Ask for Health Line.**

