

Take advantage of free well water testing!

You get your drinking water from a private well. Is it safe? It's easy to find out by having your water tested. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) provides a free well water testing service to households that get their drinking water from a residential well. Although your water looks clear and has no smell, it might not be safe to drink.

"Bacteria in water sometimes cause illness so severe that it can require hospitalization and can even cause death," says Caroline Kuate, Program Manager, Water quality. "It is important to test your private water source to ensure its safety."

Water quality can change over time, or it can happen suddenly and you may not notice a change in look, taste or smell. That's why your water should be tested at least three times a year, especially in early spring when melting snow may cause water run-off to enter your well. Testing your well water on a regular basis is the only way to ensure the quality and the safety of your drinking water. The test results help you to address specific problems and to avoid any potential contamination.

Pick up your water test bottle at the EOHU and drop off your sample any day except Fridays. Better be safe than sorry and get your well water tested today!

For more information on well water testing, contact the EOHU at 613-933-1375 or 1 800 267-7120 and ask for Health Line or visit our website at www.eohu.ca.

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