

What if there are Problems ?

If high levels of bacteria, nitrates or sulfates are found, a second sample will be taken and tested to verify contaminants.

If contaminants are still found an investigation will be conducted to try and locate the source of the problem.

You may need to contact a certified well contractor to inspect and advise you of any problems with the well itself.

If Coliform bacteria are present, the well may need to be "shocked" with chlorine to remove bacteria.

If nitrates or sulfates are found, an appropriate water treatment system may need to be installed for the type of contaminants present in the water.

If you have further questions, please contact the Health and Sanitation Department.

This program is conducted through a Grants To Counties program administered through the Iowa Department of Public Health. If you live outside of Boone County, contact your local sanitarian for information on participation in this program.



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Is Your Well Water Safe to Drink ?

*Free
Well Water
Testing Program*

Details Inside!

Why Test My Well ?

On a hot summer day nothing quite quenches your thirst better than a tall, cold, glass of ice water. As refreshing as that water may be and even though that glass of water may appear clean, the only sure way of knowing if your well water supply is safe to drink is to have your water tested.

What Could You Find ?

Coli form bacteria are a group of naturally occurring bacteria that are present throughout the environment.

Nitrogen is an element that occurs naturally in the environment and all sources of nitrogen are sources of nitrate.

Sulfates are naturally occurring compounds in some soils. They are transported into wells by groundwater.

How is the Testing Done ?

Boone County Health and Sanitation Department staff will schedule an appointment to meet you at your property. They will assist you in completing a well background information sheet.

A survey of your well will be done to check for obvious problems with the casing, cover, grading and storage of contaminants too near the well.

Once the survey is completed, a location as close to the well as possible will be selected to take the sample. Usually this is done from an outside hydrant or other faucet.

The inspector will run the water for a few minutes and then sanitize the outlet of the faucet. A sample will be collected at this faucet.

The sample will be sent to the laboratory and results are usually received within two weeks.

You will be sent a copy of the laboratory test results.

How Do I Request a Test ?

Fill out the information below and send to the address at the bottom of the page.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

Phone: (____)_____

Well Water Sampling is conducted Monday through Wednesday from 8:00 am 4:00 p.m.

My preference for day and time to schedule appointment is:

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