

Well Water Testing

The Waukesha County Division of Environmental Health encourages private well owners to test wells annually or after modifying them in any way. Wells should also be tested when any change in taste, odor or appearance is noticed.

You will need:

- a water sample kit that includes a sterile bottle
- detailed instructions for collecting the sample
- lab reporting slip

Waukesha County's state-certified laboratory can analyze your water sample for bacteriological contamination and/or one or more chemical tests including:

- nitrate, fluoride, hardness
- chloride and iron

Private laboratories also provide these services.

Water sample kits are free of charge. Test fees are as follows:

Owner Collected Water Sample (Per Test)

Bacteriological Test \$25

Chemicals (nitrate, fluoride, hardness, chloride, iron) \$10 per chemical test

Staff Collected Water Sample

Well Evaluation (bacteriological test only) \$150

Well and Septic Evaluation (Bacteriological & Chemical Test) \$150 base fee plus \$10 per chemical test

Septic Evaluation \$150

You can obtain a water sample kit for the tests you select in 4 ways:

1. Pick up a well testing kit from the City Hall Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4:30 PM.
2. Order by phone from Waukesha County using a Visa or MasterCard by calling 262-896-8300 or 800-567-2366 (a \$2 handling fee will be applied to the total cost of the analyses you select).
3. Mail a check payable to "Waukesha County" for the fee total plus \$2 for handling to: Environmental Health Division, 515 W. Moreland Boulevard, Room AC 260, Waukesha WI 53188.
4. Pick up a kit at the Waukesha County Environmental Health Office, Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4:30 PM.