



Public Service Announcement

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Well Water Testing Available (Update)

The recent floods in Jefferson County have caused severe damage and left many homeowners with significant challenges to recovery. Jefferson County has put together a new disaster recovery [web page](#) to help community members impacted by the flood. Public health also offers [important resources](#) on water quality, food safety and other issues that may arise.

Well Water Testing:

Fast moving water may have damaged water wells or contaminated the well water. Residents are advised to have their well water tested if they experience problems with well functioning or if the well water is cloudy or otherwise dirty.

Jefferson County has developed a system to help homeowners in the Coal Creek Canyon mountain community impacted by the flood get their water tested. Water testing bottles will be made available and can be picked up Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2, 2013 from 9:00 am to 6:00 p.m. at the Coal Creek Canyon Community Center located at 31528 Hwy 72.

Once well water has been collected, citizens are asked to drop the water bottles off on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 1 through 3, 2013 in the morning from 7:30 am to 9:30 am at the Coal Creek Canyon Community Center. Please remember to collect the sample on the same day that you intend to drop it off.

Jefferson County Public Health staff will transport the test bottles to the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) for testing. All samples must be received by Thursday, October 3, 2013 in order to have test results back by the weekend. Customers will be billed by CDPHE for testing. Information on what to do if your water tests come back positive is provided by the [Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources](#).

For flood purposes, CDPHE recommends that homeowners request the "Annual Colorado Package" offered by the Lab Services Division which tests for coliform bacteria and nitrate/nitrite which is approximately \$37.00. JCPH is waiving the courier fee usually charged for transportation to the state lab. Residents DO NOT need to pay up front, they will be billed by the state health lab directly.

Anyone who misses this opportunity, or those living in other mountain communities, can still get their water tested by calling the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) at 303 692-3090. Water test bottles will be sent to residents along with sampling instructions. Once the water sample has been taken, test bottles should be dropped off at the JCPH Golden site (1801 19th Street, Golden, 80401) for transport to CDPHE.

For more information on water quality or other public health issues related to flooding, please call our Environmental Health office at 303-271-5700.