

About Testing Private Wells

The Chemistry Laboratory of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Laboratory Services Division, receives hundreds of requests for advice about water suitability every month.

If you obtain drinking water from your own well, you are responsible for ensuring that it is safe. When you test your well and why you test your well concerns the health of you and your family. In addition to risking illness, you may experience a variety of less serious issues -- such as taste, color, odor and staining of clothes or fixtures -- due to water quality problems. Even water that appears problem-free may not necessarily be safe or acceptable.

Not all wells need to be tested, and it is impractical and unnecessary to test for all possible contaminants. This brochure provides test packages for the most common tests needed for private wells, and each package meets specific requirements for well testing.

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WATER TESTING PACKAGES



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**LABORATORY SERVICES
DIVISION**

**CHEMISTRY LABORATORY
(303) 692-3048**

How to Get Your Water Tested

You have three choices for ordering water testing and obtaining bottles.

- Call (303) 692-3074
- Mark the appropriate package, fill out the contact information below, and FAX to (303) 692-3686
- Mail the completed form to the address below

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Contact Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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Real Estate/HUD Package

Coliform bacteria, lead, nitrate and nitrite

These tests meet State of Colorado and HUD requirements.

\$75

General Colorado Package

Coliform bacteria, fluoride, nitrate/nitrite, arsenic, copper, lead, iron and uranium

These basic tests should be done if the water has never been tested or if there is not a record of previous tests.

These tests will assess the safety of the existing water supply for the most common contaminants in Colorado waters.

\$100

Annual Colorado Package

Coliform bacteria and nitrate/nitrite

These tests should be performed annually.

\$35

Deluxe Colorado Package

Coliform bacteria, nitrate/nitrite, arsenic, alkalinity, pH, total dissolved solids, conductivity, hardness, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, calcium, cadmium, copper, iron, lead, magnesium, manganese, sodium, uranium and zinc

These tests assess safety and quality of the existing water supply for all domestic uses.

\$250