



Private Well Program to Protect Public Health



Private Well Water Testing



About

The Private Well Program to Protect Public Health is a community partnership funded by The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts. In an ongoing effort to promote better public health and safety for households with private wells, RCAP Solutions is testing well water quality throughout Massachusetts, educating homeowners on what their water test results show, and working directly with homeowners if there is a need for remediation efforts.

Using the data gathered from this program, we are advocating for public policy that would ensure all residents have equitable access to healthy drinking water.

What's in Your Well Water?

Unlike public drinking water systems, private wells do not have experts regularly checking the water's source and quality before it is sent to the tap. Households that use private wells should take special precautions to ensure the safety of their drinking water.

When considering well contamination problems and risks, it is important to know what kind of well you have and how it was constructed. Knowing how water gets into your well and from what source will help you understand what you need to do to protect your groundwater source and well from adverse impacts. Through this program, RCAP Solutions can provide a complimentary water test for participating private well owners in order to identify potential contamination threats.

Testing Will Assess the Following:

■ Arsenic	■ Iron	Standard Analysis	■ Coliform Bacteria
■ Chloride	■ Lead		■ Nitrate/Nitrite
■ Copper	■ Manganese		■ Uranium
■ Fluoride	■ pH		■ Radon
■ Hardness	■ Sodium		

Note: RCAP Solutions will not be testing for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) through this program. Should you wish to sample your private well for PFAS at your own expense, please find a certified laboratory for water testing at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/find-a-certified-laboratory-for-water-testing>

Request a Water Test

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to request a complimentary well water test.



<https://bit.ly/WaterTestRequest>

Please **note**: Safety is our top priority. When visiting your home, our staff will not be going inside. We will meet you outside and instruct you on how to take a water sample from your tap.

Requests are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. When registering to receive the grant-funded services, residents will be asked for their permission to complete short surveys – one prior to and two others following the water test. Information from these surveys helps us improve our understanding of resident priorities and informs improvements to our programming. Aggregate, de-identified results will be shared with local boards of health and our partners to inform development of this program.

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2022 Eligible Communities

Below we have outlined the towns whose residents are eligible for a complimentary water test during 2022 and in which months the testing will be conducted. Water testing will be scheduled to occur during regular business hours, Monday through Friday only. Forty (40) slots are available in each town.

May & June



WILBRAHAM



LAKEVILLE

July & August



PELHAM



SHERBORN

September & October



COLRAIN



WELLFLEET

Help Promote Equitable Access to Safe, Clean Drinking Water Across the State!

RCAP Solutions is currently engaging with key stakeholders and government officials to advocate for sensible, health-based regulations for private wells and financial resources for homeowners who discover contaminants in their well water.

Whether you rely on a public water system or a private well for your drinking water, this is an issue of health equity, and we need your support! For more information and to voice your support for these advocacy efforts, scan the QR code or visit the link below!



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