

# PRIVATE WELL & SPRING TESTING

AFTER FLOODING FROM HURRICANE HELENE

After a flood, it is important to test your well and spring water. Flooding can cause contaminants to enter the water supply that could make you sick. Testing your water is the only way to know if it's safe to use.

## PRACTICE SAFE WATER USAGE FOLLOWING HURRICANE HELENE

- **Do not drink water from your well or spring, if it has been flooded.** Use only bottled, boiled or treated water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene until you are able to properly disinfect and test your water.
- **Inspect the well seal and casing for damage as floodwaters can cause cracks or other issues that allow contaminants to enter.**
- **Avoid turning on your pump** until you are sure the electrical system and well components are dry and functioning properly.
- **Properly disinfect your well or spring before testing.**
- **Test your well or spring for contaminants.**

## REQUEST A DISINFECTION AND TEST KIT

Free bacterial test kits are available for private wells or springs. These kits will be available in a limited supply. Request kits by completing the interest form:

**Interest Form:**  
**[t.ly/qms7s](https://t.ly/qms7s)**



**If you are unable to complete the online form, call AppHealthCare at (828) 795-1970.**

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