Is your well water, well?

About 18% of all Floridians get their drinking water from private wells.

Most private wells are safe but some have contaminants that are bad for your health. You can see, taste and/or smell some contaminants such as iron and sulfur gas which aren't serious health threats. Bacteria, nitrates and arsenic are among the harmful contaminants that can make you sick. They can only be detected by lab tests.

Private well owners should test their water at least once a year. Routine water sampling and testing is simple and inexpensive, and can protect your family's health. Call the Florida Department of Health in your county where environmental health specialists can help you:

- Find a state-certified lab (appprod.dep.state.fl.us/labs/cgi-bin/aams/index.asp).
- Learn more about your well water test results.
- Take steps to keep your well water safe.

Keep your well water, well! For more information visit: www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/private-well-testing/index.html or www.floridahealth.gov/wellstest.

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