

Testing Your Private Drinking Water

Homeowners with Wells or Springs | April 2026

It is important to regularly test your private well or spring for contaminants to make sure your water is safe to drink.

The Health Department recommends testing your water with the **Homeowner Testing Package every five years, and for bacteria every year**. This package includes tests for the most common drinking water contaminants in Vermont, which you can't see, smell or taste. Testing is the only way to know if contaminants are in your water.

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, call the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory at 802-338-4724.

Order Test Kits



- The Homeowner Testing Package includes:
 - Bacteria (Kit A) \$14 – test for bacteria every year
 - Inorganic chemicals (Kit C) \$100 – test every five years
 - Gross alpha radiation (Kit RA) \$45 – test every five years
- There are a few ways to order test kits:
 - **Online:** www.HealthVermont.gov/water/testing#order
 - **Phone:** 802-338-4724 or 800-660-9997 (toll-free in Vermont)

Collect Your Samples



- Be sure to carefully follow all instructions that come with the testing package. Check out the video on our website on how to collect samples.
- Collect your water samples the same day you plan to drop them off.
- Samples are **not accepted** on Fridays, state holidays or the day before state holidays.

Drop Off Samples for Free (See Website for Additional Locations)



- **St. Johnsbury Local Health Office:** 107 Eastern Ave, Suite 9
Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Newport Local Health Office:** 100 Main St, Suite 220
Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- You can also ship back the samples yourself (and pay for shipping).



HealthVermont.gov/water/testing
802-489-7339

