

Hubbardton Private Water Concerns

Have you tested your drinking water?



Arsenic is found more often in Hubbardton than other towns in Vermont.

One in six tested private water supplies in Hubbardton had elevated levels of arsenic in their water.



Hubbardton also had higher levels of manganese than many other towns.



Where does it come from?

Arsenic and other potentially harmful water contaminants, such as uranium or manganese, can be found naturally in the Earth's crust. These elements are most commonly found in Vermont's bedrock. Different land uses near wells and springs can also cause contamination.



What are the health risks?

Health risks from exposure to groundwater contaminants range from stomach and digestion problems due to bacteria, to increased likelihood of developing bladder, lung or skin cancer from elevated levels of arsenic. Some symptoms may not develop for years.



What can you do?

Testing is the only way to know if contaminants are in your water supply. Most common contaminants in Vermont's private water systems, including arsenic, have no smell, no color and no taste. The Health Department recommends testing your water regularly to make sure it is safe to drink.



More information:

To order the Health Department's recommended set of tests:



Scan the QR code to the left or call **802-338-4724** to purchase the Vermont Homeowner Testing Package for \$159.

For information about recommended testing for common groundwater contaminants in Vermont, go to www.HealthVermont.gov/Water/Testing

For help understanding your results or to discuss treatment options based on your results, email AHS.VDHDDrinkingWaterProgram@vermont.gov or call 802-489-7339.

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