

Town of Wells Private Water Concerns

Have you tested your drinking water?



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

Two out of five tested private water supplies in the town of Wells had elevated levels of arsenic in their water.



The town of Wells had higher levels of **arsenic** than anywhere else in the state.



Where does it come from?

Arsenic and other harmful water contaminants, such as uranium, 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?

Exposure to arsenic may increase your risk of developing bladder, lung or skin cancer. Other common groundwater contaminants, such as bacteria can cause stomach or digestion problems. 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](tel: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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