

Westmore Private Water Concerns

Have you tested your drinking water?



Uranium is found more often in Westmore than other towns in Vermont.

Two of five tested wells in Westmore had elevated levels of uranium in their water.



Westmore had higher levels of uranium than anywhere else in the state.



Where does it come from?

Uranium and other harmful water contaminants, such as arsenic, can be found naturally in the Earth's crust. They are found more commonly in Vermont's bedrock than in many other areas. 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 gastrointestinal distress due to bacteria, to increased likelihood of developing cancers and damage to kidneys from elevated levels of uranium. Some symptoms may not develop for years.



What can you do?

The only way to know if contaminants are in your water supply is to test for them. Most common contaminants in Vermont's private water systems, including uranium, 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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