



Protect your family's health – and your investment

Are you buying a home with a well? Well water can contain harmful substances at levels that could cause health effects and make you sick. It's better to know what's in the water you and your family will be drinking before you buy the house of your dreams. Here's what you need to do to get the water tested.

Be a smart home buyer

Clean, safe drinking water protects your family's health and your investment. There are many steps to buying a home, but testing the water – at a cost of \$159 – is a simple one. You can collect samples from the tap yourself or ask your home inspector to collect them. Watch our how-to video on testing your water at healthvermont.gov/water.



What to test the water for

Make sure your future home's water is safe by testing the water with these tests from the Health Department Laboratory:

- Bacteria (Kit A)
- Inorganic chemicals (Kit C)
- Gross alpha radiation (Kit RA)



You may also want to test for radon in air. Visit healthvermont.gov/radon for more information.

Where to get a water test

Use a certified drinking water laboratory. You can order test kits from the Health Department Laboratory at 800-660-9997 or 802-338-4724 or use another certified drinking water lab. For a list of certified labs, visit tinyurl.com/certified-lab.



What to do after you test

The water test results will tell you if the water is safe to drink and how it could affect household plumbing and appliances over time.

If you have questions about your results, you can contact the Health Department's Private Drinking Water Program. **We are water quality experts who can give you accurate information at no cost.** Call 800-439-8550 or email AHS.VDHEnvHealth@vermont.gov.



Visit healthvermont.gov/water for more information.