

Water

Know your drinking water quality



Is your drinking water from a community water system or a private well? Depending on the answer, you may need to take action to be sure you have safe drinking water.

Know where your drinking water comes from

Do you or your landlord pay a water bill?

YES? Your water is from a community water system.

NO? Your water is from a private well.

If your water is from a community water system, the system makes sure the water meets all Safe Drinking Water Act standards to protect your health.

If your water is from a private well, you are responsible for regularly testing the water and making sure it is safe for everyone in your home.

If your water is from a community water system, your system provides an annual water quality report called a Consumer Confidence Report. Contact your water system for the report or find it online.

If your water is from a private well, test your well water for:

- **Coliform bacteria** every year
- **Nitrate** every other year
- **Arsenic** at least once
- **Lead** at least once
- **Manganese** before a baby drinks the water

These contaminants are common in Minnesota and can cause health problems. Your water quality can change over time, and you cannot taste, smell, or see most of these contaminants.

See *Well Testing, Results, and Options* for:

- How to test your well water
- Simple ways to address water quality concerns

For more information

- **Consumer Confidence Reports:**
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/ccr>
- **Well Testing, Results, and Options:**
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/welltesting>
- **Contact us:** 651-201-4700 or
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