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**Protecting Public Health through Private Well Testing and Treatment**

Private (Domestic) Well Water Quality and Public Health

**CDC: Private Ground Water Wells**

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/private/wells/>

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has compiled facts and resources for private ground water wells on this webpage. The directory contains links to the basics of drinking water wells, proper location of wells, possible contaminants and health risks, suggested maintenance, and emergency treatment. It includes resources developed by the CDC as well as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the National Ground Water Association.

**EPA: Information on Private Drinking Water Wells**

<http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/well/index.cfm>

Provides basic information on drinking water wells as well as health risks, frequently asked questions, location-specific information, and steps homeowners can take to protect their well.

**EPA: Surf Your Watershed**

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/locate/index.cfm>

This tool provides information and resources to better understand the health of your watershed. The site directs users to watershed assessment data, EPA databases on toxic releases, hazardous materials, and Superfund sites, national information on groundwater and drinking water, as well as other useful watershed-based information.

**EPA: State Private Drinking Wells Websites**

<http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/well/whereyoulive_state.cfm>

Directory of state government websites providing private well information for their state.

**EPA: State Certification Officers for Drinking Water Laboratories**

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/drinkingwater/labcert/statecertification.cfm>

Certified drinking water testing laboratories by state.

**Colorado State University Cooperative Extension: Water Quality Interpretation Tool**

<https://erams.com/wqtool/>

Tool developed by Colorado State University, with collaboration from western U.S. land grant universities, to evaluate laboratory water testing results. The tool can be used to interpret water quality tests conducted throughout the United States, but specializes in interpreting samples collected in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah, and Wyoming.

**National Water Program: Drinking Water and Human Health**

<http://www.usawaterquality.org/themes/health/default.html>

This website describes the relationship between clean drinking water and human health and provides links to regional initiatives for safe private drinking water wells.

**USDA: 504 Program**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/MO-fact504.html>

The 504 Program, offered by the USDA, provides financial resources nationally for lower income or elderly residents. For more information, visit the website provided above or contact your state’s USDA Rural Development Office, <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/MO-fact504.html>.