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***Should I have My Water Tested?***

**Water is Essential for Life!**

Doctors recommend that we drink at least 8 gallons of water a day. That's about 4 gallons a week or 200 gallons a year. We take our water for granted and never consider testing it to be sure it is safe. It may be that some of us are afraid to have our water tested because we are not sure of what may be found. Fortunately, many problems that can occur with private wells and drinking water have solutions.

**When Should I Test my Water?**

Jones County Health Department (JCHD) recommends private well owners consider testing their water every year. Water can be tested for a variety of inorganic, mineral and toxic metals, volatile organic compounds, and pesticides. If you notice any change in your water, it should be tested. JCHD also recommends you have your water tested after any repair work is done to your well. All new wells are tested as part of the permitting process and the cost is included in the permit fee. If you haven't had your well water tested in the past year, now is a good time to have it done. For municipal/community supplies, contact your provider.

**Jones County Health Department Offers:**

- \*The information and results are unbiased and accurate;
- \*Collection of the samples from your home and delivery to a state-certified laboratory that will conduct the analysis;
- \*Health risk assessments and consultation if any problems are found;
- \*No sales pressure – PUBLIC HEALTH is our business!

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**APPLICATION FOR TESTING YOUR PRIVATE WELL WATER**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from site address) \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to Property \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Test My Water For:**

- [ ] **Bacteria, Nitrate/Nitrite and Inorganic Analysis** (includes: bacteria, nitrate, nitrite, pH, lead hardness, arsenic, iron, manganese, copper, zinc, calcium, magnesium, alkalinity, chloride, fluoride, silver, barium, cadmium, mercury, sodium, chromium, sulfate, selenium) \$75.00

Analysis that may be tested at additional cost (Organic Chemistry):

- [ ] Pesticides \$75.00  
[ ] Herbicides \$75.00  
[ ] Petroleum Products \$75.00  
[ ] Volatile Organic Chemicals \$75.00

Collection/Processing Fee per site visit (unlimited number of samples collected) \$25.00

Is there a coded gate? [ ] Yes [ ] No If Yes, Code \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a working spigot on the outside of the house? [ ] Yes [ ] No