

Private Well Water Testing Recommended

Residents of Tilden Township are encouraged to periodically test **private drinking water wells** to help ensure water quality and protect public health.

Private wells are not regulated or routinely monitored by public agencies. Regular testing can identify potential contaminants such as bacteria, nitrates, metals, or other substances that may affect drinking water safety.

Who Should Consider Testing

- Homes served by private wells
- New property owners with wells
- Residents who have not tested their well within the past year
- Households noticing changes in water taste, odor, color, or clarity

Recommended Testing

At a minimum, private well owners should test annually for:

- Coliform bacteria
- Nitrates/nitrites

Additional testing may be recommended based on location, nearby land uses, or specific concerns within Berks County.

How to Have Your Well Tested

- Contact a certified water testing laboratory
- Carefully follow sample collection instructions
- Maintain records of all test results

If test results indicate contamination, residents should consult a water treatment professional or the local health authority for guidance on corrective actions.

For additional information about private well testing, residents may contact the Berks County Department of Agriculture or visit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection website.