

ARSENIC AND YOUR HEALTH:

Well water in some parts of the Willamette Valley contains high levels of naturally occurring arsenic.



Why should you test your well?

- Learn if you and your family are at risk from drinking contaminated water.
- Protect yourself and your family's health. Pregnant and nursing women, infants, children and people with underlying illnesses are more vulnerable to the effects of arsenic.
- Give yourself peace of mind knowing that your water is clean, or take action if you have arsenic in your water.
- Prepare for future real estate transactions. Oregon real estate transactions now require arsenic, along with nitrate and bacteria testing if there is a domestic well on the property.

What else should you test for?

- Nitrates: Test your well water once a year for nitrates.
- Bacteria: Test your well water once a year for bacteria.

Clean drinking water is essential to good health. Testing your well is an easy and inexpensive investment in your family's health.

For more information on how to test your well water, and what your test results mean, please call the Oregon Public Health Division at 1-877-290-6767.



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