

## Test Your Tap

The Vermont Department of Health is encouraging homeowners with wells to have their drinking water tested.

Many towns and cities with public water also have residents who use well water. In fact, four out of 10 Vermonters get their drinking water from a well, but only about 5% have had their water tested for harmful contaminants, including arsenic, lead and E. coli. Neither the State of Vermont nor the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulate private wells as they do public water systems, so the only way for Vermonters to know if water is safe to drink is to have it tested.

Residents can purchase the recommended homeowners' test kits from the Health Department Laboratory by calling 800-660-9997.

Please contact Environmental Health if you have any questions at 800-439-8550 or via email at [AHS.VDHEnvHealth@Vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHEnvHealth@Vermont.gov).

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