

WELL WATER SAMPLE KIT LOCATIONS

- 1. ACHD Frank B. Clack Health Center** Phone: 412-578-8040
Public Drinking Water & Waste Management
3901 Penn Avenue, Building #5
Pittsburgh, PA 15224-1318
(ALL WELL WATER SAMPLES MUST BE RETURNED TO THIS LOCATION)
- 2. ACHD Plumbing Office** Phone: 412-578-8036
3901 Penn Avenue, Building #5
Pittsburgh, PA 15224-1318
- 3. ACHD Carnegie Plumbing Office** Phone: 412-922-6270
2121 Noblestown Road, Suite 207
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
- 4. Hampton Shaler Water Authority Office** Phone: 412-486-4867
3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101 (M-F 8am-4:30pm)
- 5. Richland Township Water Authority Office** Phone: 724-443-9100
2012 Kramer Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044 (M-F 7am-3:30pm)

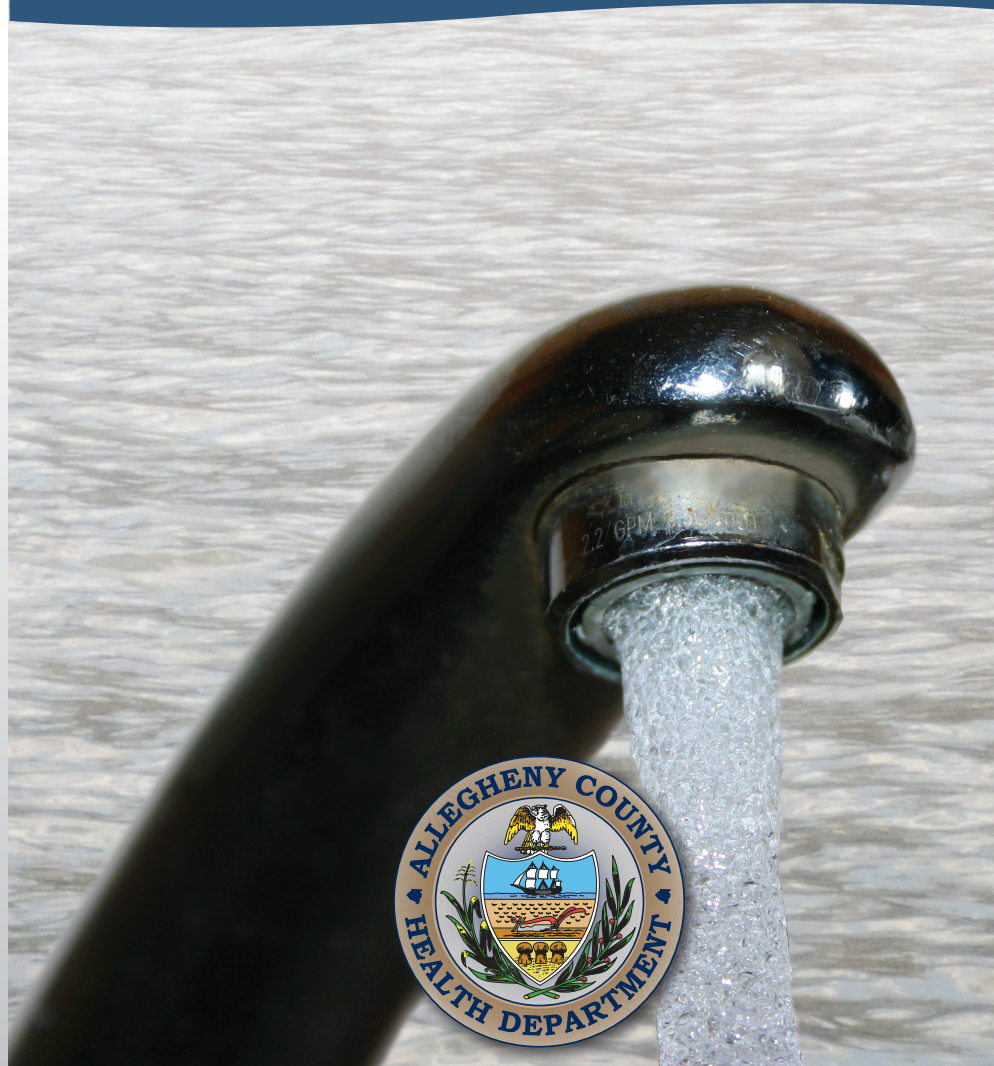


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Public Drinking Water - Private Well Testing

Instructions For Collecting A Well Water Sample



Instructions - READ CAREFULLY; THEN PROCEED AS OUTLINED

This test is for coliform bacteria only, which is an indication of contamination in your well.

1. Obtain a testing kit (sterilized bottle, lab slip and envelope) from one of the locations on the back page (kits are available at ACHD locations Monday through Friday 7:30am-4:30pm).
2. Collect the sample from the kitchen sink **COLD** water tap. Sanitize the tap with bleach or alcohol. Remove the aerator, if possible. Allow the water to run for three minutes before taking the sample.
3. Remove the bottle cap carefully and **DO NOT** contaminate the interior. **DO NOT** rinse the bottle, it contains a chemical to preserve the sample.
4. Fill the bottle up to the neck leaving a space at the top. **DO NOT** overfill the bottle. Replace the cap tightly.
5. Refrigerate the sample and transport in a cooler with ice until it is delivered to our office. **COLLECT THE SAMPLE THE SAME DAY AS IT IS DELIVERED.**
6. Complete the lab slip and envelope. Include the municipality where you live, your mailing address if different from the sample location, and your email address.
7. Place the bottle and lab slip in the envelope.
8. Return the kit to the **CLACK HEALTH CENTER, BUILDING 5, PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SECTION ONLY. WATER SAMPLES ARE ACCEPTED MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY FROM 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM.** Please be aware that the Health Department and laboratory are closed on government holidays.

Notification of your results will be mailed within two weeks. In case of a negative result a postcard is sent, and in case of a positive result a formal letter is sent. Depending on the contact information of the sample, you will be contacted immediately by phone or email if your sample is found to be positive.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS TEST IS FOR WELL DRINKING WATER ONLY. It tests for coliform bacteria only, which is an indication of contamination in your well. DO NOT submit water from streams, lakes, ponds, unlined wells, springs, puddles or cisterns. Tests from springs or cisterns used for drinking can be performed but be aware that these water sources are very easily contaminated.
