

HOW DO I GET A WATER SAMPLE FOR MY WELL OR PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM?

The Health District collects water samples on private water systems (wells). There is a fee charged for the sample and the fee does have to be paid before we can schedule the test. We collect water samples on Monday's and Tuesday's. Please submit the water sample request form to the Health District.

MY WATER SMELLS LIKE SULFUR OR ROTTEN EGGS, WHAT CAN I DO?

This odor is a nuisance or aesthetic problem and is not harmful. The odor comes from hydrogen sulfide gas dissolved in the water. This is a natural occurrence in the groundwater. This problem may be temporarily relieved by chlorinating or disinfecting the well. Please refer to the disinfecting a drilled well. You may also refer to the hydrogen sulfide in drinking water fact sheet.

DOES THE HEALTH DISTRICT ONLY TEST FOR BACTERIA?

No. The water system may be tested for lead and nitrates. However, there are additional fees for these tests.

WE JUST BOUGHT A VACANT LOT IN GREENE COUNTY, HOW DO I START THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR DRILLING A WELL?

Information about drilling a well or constructing a private water system is located on the private water page on our website.

IF I'M A HOMEOWNER, MAY I WORK ON MY OWN PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM.

Yes, with certain limitations. Contact the Health District at 937-374-5606 or

1-866-858-3588 for more information.

I'M BUYING (OR SELLING) A HOUSE AND I NEED TO HAVE THE WELL OR WATER SYSTEM INSPECTED, WHAT DO I DO?

The Health District will inspect existing private water systems when requested. There is a fee charged for the inspection and evaluation. Please submit the evaluation of a private water system form. Contact the Health District at 937-374-5606 or 1-866-858-3588 for more information.

MY PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM OR WELL IS HAVING PROBLEMS, WHAT DO I DO?

Contact a registered private water systems contractor or the Health District at

937-374-5606 or 1-866-858-3588 for assistance with the private water system.

I'M LOOKING FOR RECORDS ON MY WELL OR PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM, WHERE DO I FIND THEM?

The Health District offices contain records of most wells and private water systems dating back to around the 1950's. Records may be filed under the original owner's last name since some records do not have a house number. The Health District's files are open for review Monday through Friday 8:00am to 11:00am and 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The office is closed for lunch from 11:30am to 12:30pm each day.