

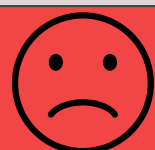


MY PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTED POSITIVE FOR COLIFORM OR E.COLI BACTERIA! NOW WHAT?

Coliform bacteria are organisms in the environment and in the feces of animals and humans. Coliform bacteria will not always cause illness. However, if it is found in your drinking water, disease-causing organisms [pathogens] may also be in the water system. The only way to know for sure is to test.

If Your Water Report Says....

Present or



Your Water is:

Not Safe
to drink

My well tested positive, What do I do?

1 Re-test your private well water:

It is easy to accidentally get bacteria in the test bottle during the sampling process. Be sure to read sampling directions carefully.

3 Remove sources of bacteria:

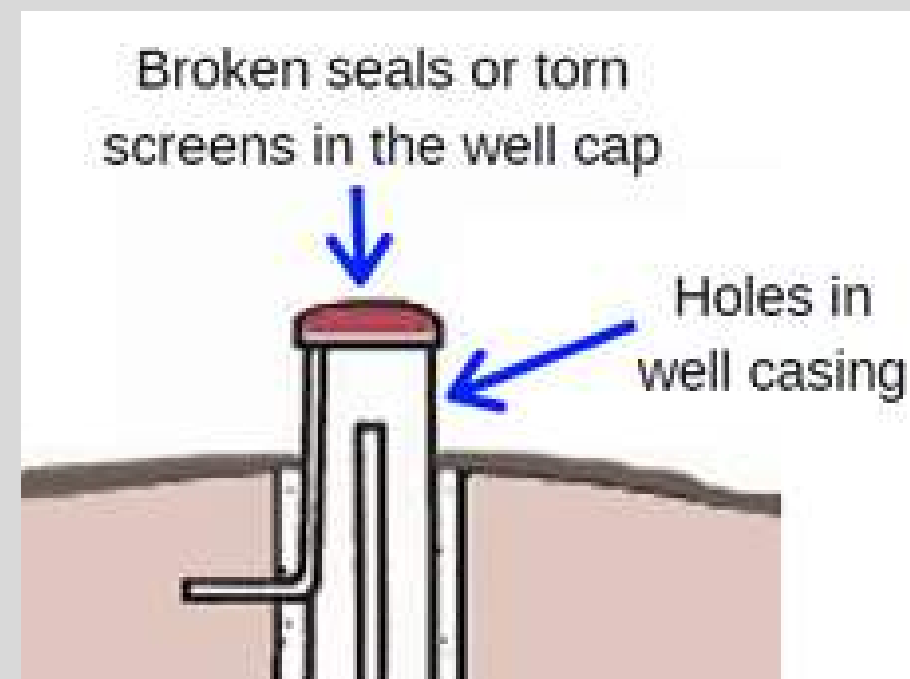
Bacteria can come from many places such as damaged septic systems, pooling of water near the well, and animal waste [poop].

4 Disinfect your well:

You can do this yourself or hire a plumbing professional. The process consists of adding a diluted bleach solution to the well, run the diluted solution through the whole system, do not use the system for 24 hours and then flush it clear. The instructions for mixing your bleach solution will depend on the volume of your well. Contact your local Health Department or a licensed plumber for detailed instructions.

2 Check your well for damage:

Check the cap and casing for damage. Check cover is sealed tightly and insect screen is intact. You can also hire a licensed plumber to inspect and repair your well.



5 Re-test your well:

After the smell of chlorine[bleach] is gone, wait 2 to 3 days. Then test your water to make sure the bacteria is gone.

Until You Have Completed Steps 1 - 5 Above, it is:

SAFE to:



NOT Safe to:



When Your Water Report Says Bacteria is....

Absent or



Your Water is:

Safe
to drink

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