

Dear Resident,

Did you know that many Maine wells have too much arsenic, radon and uranium? The State of Maine Department of Environmental Health recommends the following for private wells. Protect your family and test your well.

- Test your well water **once a year** for bacteria and nitrates and **every 3 to 5 years** for arsenic, fluoride, uranium, radon, lead, and manganese.
- If you have never tested your well water, we recommend doing a comprehensive test. Other times to test your well include:
 - If you are expecting a baby
 - Your water changes in smell, taste, and color
 - Your well runs dry and comes back
 - When buying a new home
 - After installing a water treatment system or replacing parts of your treatment system
 - After any work is done on your well

Two local options for testing are the Maine Water Company in Rockport 236-8428 and Haskells Water Treatment in Rockland 594-4947. Testing costs vary from 10.00 to 135.00 depending on the specific tests requested. If water treatment is found to be needed additional costs will apply and certain lower income households may qualify for financial assistance. For more details contact Maine State Housing at 624-5787

Official link can be found here <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/eohp/wells/mewellwater.htm>

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