



# THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER WELLNESS

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“If I can be of any help to you or someone you know – especially when it comes to navigating state programs – please contact me directly.”

– Representative Jaime Foster

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# HAVE YOU TESTED YOUR WELL YET? LET'S BE WELL AWARE!

I strongly encourage you to conduct regular testing of private wells, as it is the only way to ensure the quality of your water for drinking. Annual testing is important because it allows you to track the well water's quality, as it can change over time. Owners with private wells and semipublic wells are responsible for the quality of their water and are generally not required to test. While testing is done for a fee, it's the only way to be sure your water is safe to drink.

## PROTECT YOUR WELL

- Locate wells far from potential contamination sources
- Keep hazardous chemicals and potential contaminants away and in watertight containers
- Use backflow prevention devices on outdoor hose bibb spigots
- Keep records of all water testing

# PUBLIC WATER AND YOU

Connecticut has over 2,500 public water systems, 550 of which are community water systems serving at least 25 residents per year. Water is well-treated before it arrives at your home through a multi-stage purification process, and regularly tested for harmful contaminants. If you have concerns about your public water system, you can contact your local health department for testing.

## YOUR ROLE IN CLEAN WATER

- Avoid pouring chemicals or prescriptions down the drain
- Keep updated on your public water system and its reports
- Keep your storm drains clean
- Inspect annually and pump out your septic every 3-5 years

## PRIVATE WELL TESTING

### PRIVATE WELL PROGRAM

- [www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/Private-Well-Water-Program/Private-Wells](http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/Private-Well-Water-Program/Private-Wells)
- 860-509-8401

### NORTH CENTRAL DIST. HEALTH DEPT.

- [www.ncdhd.org](http://www.ncdhd.org)
- 860-745-3188

## ABOUT PUBLIC WATER

### CONNECTICUT WATER

- [www.ctwater.com](http://www.ctwater.com)
- 1-800-286-5700

### HAZARDVILLE WATER COMPANY

- [hazardvillewater.com](http://hazardvillewater.com)
- 860-749-0779

### DRINKING WATER SECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- [www.ct.gov/dph/publicdrinkingwater](http://www.ct.gov/dph/publicdrinkingwater)
- 860-509-7333

### PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATING AUTHORITY

- [www.ct.gov/pura](http://www.ct.gov/pura)
- 1-800-382-4586