



**DO YOU USE A PRIVATE WELL?**

**TEST YOUR WELL**

If you have never tested your well for arsenic before, you are strongly encouraged to test at least once.

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## Test the Water

- Test Annually for Total coliform bacteria
- Test Every 5 years for Arsenic
- Test if there have been nearby contamination sources (flooding, leaking septic tank, etc)
- Test if experiencing illness associated with water, such as diarrhea

## Maintain the Well

Have a certified well professional

- Inspect the well
- Conduct routine maintenance
- Make needed repairs

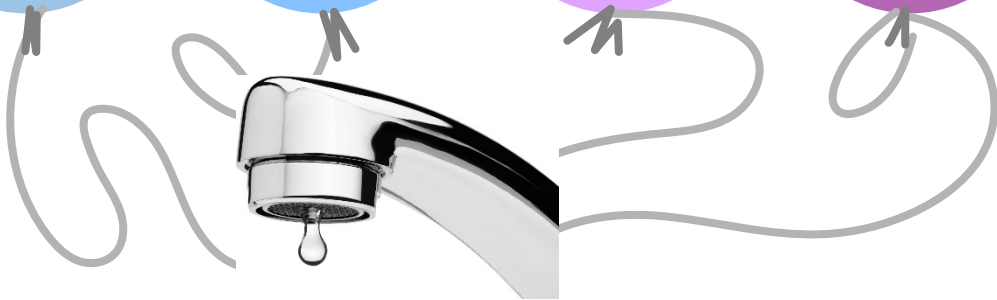
## Prevent Contamination

- Keep chemicals and fuels far away from the well
- Maintain the septic system (if applicable)
- Place secondary containers around chemicals to catch leaks
- Do not connect hoses directly from faucet into chemical containers

## Respond to Contamination

If unsafe chemicals have been found:

- Do not drink the water
- Contact a certified well professional for evaluation and guidance
- Next step may include additional sampling, disinfection and/or treatment



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