

Private Well Water Testing Checklist

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New York private wells are not covered by public water CCRs. Owners are responsible for their own testing. Use an ELAP-approved laboratory (NYSDOH Environmental Laboratory Approval Program).

- Test at least annually for total coliform bacteria and nitrate
- Test for lead, arsenic, and manganese (naturally occurring in parts of New York)
- Consider PFAS testing, especially on Long Island and near known contamination sites
- Test after any flooding, nearby land-use change, or a change in taste, odor, or color
- Use an ELAP-approved laboratory and follow its sample-collection instructions exactly
- Keep dated records of every result to track changes over time
- Contact your local health department with questions about interpreting a result

Test log

Date	Parameter tested	Result	Lab / notes

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