

**Buying  
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with a well  
is a GOOD  
thing!**

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with a well?

**Congratulations!**

A private well can provide years of clean, healthy, affordable drinking water for you and your family.



# What you need to know...

## Before buying a home with a well

Drinking water is one of the few things related to a new home purchase that could potentially affect your health and wellness over the long term. Groundwater provides natural filtering, however potential environmental influences are constantly changing.

A baseline well inspection plus a well performance test and water quality analysis will identify any issues that should be remedied before you move in. Once you move in, a regular monitoring schedule will help ensure your well continues to provide an adequate supply of clean, safe drinking water for your family

## Well and water quality testing in 6 easy steps

### 1 Well inspection

Routine inspection of your water well system can help ensure it is operating properly, prolong its useful life, and protect your health by discovering issues that could result in water quality problems that may pose a health risk.

The inspection should cover:

- The condition of the well head (casing, well cap and electrical conduit) and the area around the well
- Plumbing, connections, joint seals, gauges, pressure and storage tanks, pressure relief valves
- Water filtration and treatment systems

### 2 Well performance testing

A well performance test will evaluate the well's ability to deliver a sufficient quantity of good, clean water to meet the needs of your family. Many states in the U.S. agree that a **minimum** water supply capacity for domestic internal household use should be at least 600 gallons of water within a two hour period once each day. A combination of both the recovery rate and storage volume make up the available water supply and need to be accurately measured and calculated accordingly.



### 3 Water quality testing

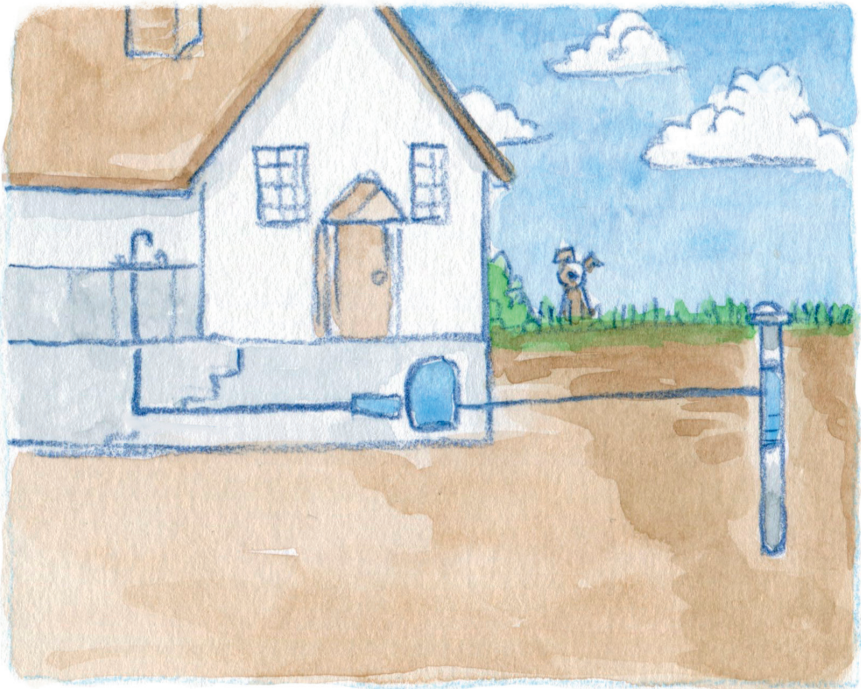
Contaminated water can often look, smell and taste fine, so it is important to analyze the drinking water quality to identify and address potential health risks or aesthetic issues before closing.

If recent water quality data are not available, it is important to have the water initially tested to identify any risks or issues the water may present. A baseline analysis should cover, at a minimum:

- Bacteria
- Nitrates and nitrites
- Inorganic chemicals (including arsenic, lead, copper, iron and manganese), particularly those of local concern
- Radionuclides (radon and uranium)
- Physical characteristics (including color, pH and hardness)



If there is a reasonable suspicion that groundwater could contain petroleum products or solvents (for example, as a result of a known underground fuel storage tank failure or spill, or commercial/industrial chemical use nearby) or agricultural chemicals (fertilizers or pesticides), the baseline analysis should include Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs).



## 4 Interpretation and guidance

Not everyone is a water quality expert, nor is it necessary to become one for the purposes of purchasing a home with a well. A professional interpretation of the laboratory results is important to ensure an understanding of individual contaminants in the water, their risks and interactions, and best options for managing or mitigating them.



## 5 Quality and quantity report

SafeWell's Water Quality and Well Performance Report provides a summary of inspection observations and an easy-to-understand Residential Water Score with information on contaminants of concern and their impact on your health and your home's infrastructure. An action plan for addressing any water-related problems is included with the report, along with the lab results for reference.

All well-related reports (including the initial Well Completion Report and water quality analyses), data and maintenance records should be retained as part of the well history for future reference.

## 6 Monitoring schedule

A SafeWell Water Quality Advisor will propose a water quality monitoring schedule to ensure your well continues to provide safe, clean drinking water for you and your family.



# After buying a home with a well

Follow the monitoring schedule created for you by SafeWell to ensure ongoing peace of mind knowing your water is safe and healthy.

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To schedule a baseline well and water quality test, call  
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**Over  
15 million  
U.S. households  
rely on private  
water wells  
for drinking  
water.**

While drinking water from a local public source may seem more convenient, consider this:

## **Well water is FREE!**

You won't get a monthly bill for the water you use. Once a well is drilled and the necessary equipment is in place, and the well water system is inspected and maintained on a regular basis, all water that you get from the well is free.

## **Well water is RELIABLE.**

Most people take drinking water for granted — until something happens. Broken mains, boil advisories, and other unexpected emergencies are fairly common in municipal water infrastructures.

When you tap into the groundwater that private wells supply, you gain peace of mind: you never have to wonder where your water comes from, what it went through, or how long it sat in a tank or pipe somewhere before reaching your faucets.

## **Well water is HEALTHY.**

Besides being naturally filtered, well water is often packed with minerals and other nutrients your body needs. When public water is treated with chemicals to remove contaminants, many of the naturally-occurring and beneficial minerals are removed.

Drinking is not the only way your body benefits either; well water is more gentle on the skin in baths and showers.

A modern well can provide naturally-filtered, cool, pure water. A properly-installed and maintained water well can provide years of safe, affordable drinking water for you and your family.



SafeWell is the industry leader in standardizing all aspects of residential well ownership, from quality and quantity testing in support of real estate transactions, to advising well owners on color, odor, and taste-related well water concerns.

We work with you and guide you through an independent evaluation of your options for addressing water quality and quantity challenges.

Think of SafeWell as your “primary care” drinking water specialists for actively managing your water supply.



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