

Well Water Testing Decision Guide

*Testing private well water **annually for coliform bacteria and nitrates** is recommended by local health departments, the NJDEP, EPA and CDC.

**Raritan Headwaters' contaminant list is adapted from the NJDEP Private Well Testing Act home sale requirements and may vary slightly from them.

	Coliform Bacteria & Nitrates	Arsenic	Lead	Volatile Organics (32 chemicals)	Synthetic Organics (3 chemicals)	Radon (in water)	Gross Alpha (uranium & radium)	PFAS	Hardness	Iron/Manganese	Copper	pH
*Testing recommended once a year for basic potability:	X											
Testing recommended at least once :						X	X					
Testing recommended every 5 years if home was built before 1987 :			X									
Testing recommended every 5 years (or more if monitoring treatment system):		X		X	X			X				
**Testing recommended if home was purchased in the last 4 years :	X					X						
Testing recommended if household includes pregnant people or children :	X	X	X					X		X		
Testing recommended if main concern is potential carcinogens :		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Testing recommended if mineral buildup on plumbing fixtures or dry, itchy skin:									X			
Testing recommended if discoloration/rust stains on fixtures; bitter/metallic taste :										X		
Testing recommended if gastrointestinal issues or blue-green stains on fixtures:											X	
Primary contaminants (considered health concerns with standards):	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Secondary contaminants (considered aesthetic issues /not typically health risks):									X	X	X	X
Public water users recommended to test (if home was built before 1987):			X									

Use this list to circle your recommended tests:

Basic Kit:
Coliform Bacteria & Nitrates

Arsenic

Volatile Organic
Compounds

Gross Alpha

Iron/Manganese

Hardness

pH

Lead

Radon (in water)

PFAS

Synthetic Organic
Compounds

Copper