Well Water Testing Decision Guide

*Testing private well water **annually for coliform bacteria and nitrates** is recommended by local Health Departments, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control.

**In New Jersey, under the Private Well Testing Act, wells are required to be tested for all of the following contaminants at the time of home sale. **Exceptions: Gross Alpha became a requirement in 2018. PFAS became a requirement in December 2021. Radon (in water) is not a requirement.

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*Testing recommended **once a year** for basic potability:  

Testing recommended **every 5 years** (or more if monitoring treatment system):  

Testing recommended **at least once**:  

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**Testing recommended if home was **bought in the last 4 years**:  

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