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Question: I want to have safe water for my family! What is the minimum I need to do?

Answer: Make sure that you or your landlord sample your well water for bacterial contamination at least once a year.

If you have additional questions about your private well water, call the Collier County Health Department Environmental Services office at (239) 252-2499, extension 5530.



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Golden Gate City

Private Well Water



*Is your
water
safe?*

Golden Gate City Private Well Water – what you should know:

If you live in Golden Gate City (the four square miles west of 951 and east of Santa Barbara), you are living in an area that may experience private well water contamination. Bacteria that may cause disease have been found in some private wells in your area. Bacteria may get into drinking water through poorly maintained water treatment systems and/or from poorly functioning septic systems.

The water quality of private wells is the responsibility of the home owner. If you are renting, you should pass this information along to your landlord. Your local health department recommends that you test your well water at least annually for bacterial contamination and that you maintain your water treatment systems regularly as dictated by testing results or your water treatment company. By doing this you can have safe drinking water for you and your family.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

... about your well water:

Question: How do I know if my water comes from a private well?

Answer: You likely have well water if you can see a pipe sticking out of the ground in your yard and/or you do not have a city water meter box by the curb.

Question: How will I know if my well water is contaminated with bacteria?

Answer: If you or one of your household members has one or more of the following illnesses: fever, stomach cramps, diarrhea, nausea or ear infections, your water may be contaminated with bacteria.

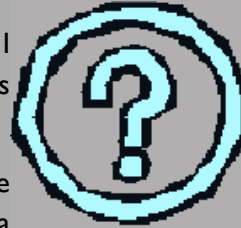
Question: So if no one in my household has been getting sick like described above, is my water safe to drink?

Answer: Not necessarily, the only way to know for sure, is to have your water tested.

Question: How can I get my water tested?

Answer: You should call a certified water quality lab and arrange for a sample to be tested. Several labs are listed in the local yellow pages under “Water Analysis”. You may obtain a self sample kit, from the Collier County Health Department Environmental Health office at 239-252-2499, extension 5530.

Question: If I have a treatment system on my well, will it keep my water free of bacteria?



Answer: To make sure your water is free of bacteria, it is recommended that a disinfection treatment device (such as a chlorinator, ozonation or UV device) be a part of your treatment system.

Question: How do I sanitize my treatment system?

Answer: To make sure your water is safe to use, it is recommended that you sanitize your treatment equipment as recommended by the manufacturer or installer. To call a water treatment specialist to help you maintain your system, several companies are listed in the local yellow pages under “Water Purification & Filtration Equipment”.

Question: What if I don’t drink my water, am I safe?

Answer: Even if you drink bottled water, but you use your well water for making ice cubes, washing dishes, brushing your teeth, or to take a bath or shower, you can still be exposed to bacteria which may make you sick.

