



How Clean Is Your Well Water?

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An estimated 10 million American households have private wells—many of those in farm country. Silver Lake Research offers the Watersafe Well Water Test Kit, a low-cost, at-home test with immediate results. The kit detects bacteria, lead, pesticides, nitrates, nitrites, iron, copper, chlorine, pH and hardness.

“For the first time, farmers can quickly and easily check their well water without sending it to a lab,” says vice president of business development Tom Round. “They can get their results at their kitchen sink.”



A number of contaminants can enter drinking water. A 1999/2000 survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that 26% of drinking water-related illnesses stemmed from private well water. The National Ground Water Association recommends that well water be tested annually for bacteria, nitrates and nitrites. INFO: discovertesting.com; 888-438-1942 PRICE: \$24.95 ●