



Do you own a private well? Is well water your primary drinking source? Does your well water have an unusual taste or odor? Have you tested your well water in the last year? If you answered yes to any of these statements, it's a good idea to get your well water tested!

Why should you test your well water?

Several guidelines on safe drinking water exist, but for property owners with private well water systems, no federal regulations have been mandated to enforce water quality standards. Because of this, it is crucial for private well owners to stay informed about the health of their wells.

Private well owners should check their water quality regularly for microbial contamination. Even if a well appears clean and has no irregular smells, invisible microorganisms can still be present and pose major health risks to those using the water. The Center of Disease Control (CDC) recommends that well owners check for mechanical issues each spring and perform a water quality test at least once a year. In addition to ensuring that the water is safe for drinking, a regular testing schedule helps establish a water quality record for the well.

How do I get my well water tested?

A great first step is to call your local health department office.

Many offices throughout the State of Alabama offer bacteriological testing (testing for Total Coliforms, Fecal coliforms, and *E. coli*) for well water samples at a small fee. You can visit this webpage: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/about/health-departments.html>, or view the list at the end of this document for Alabama Department of Public Health Information.

Many private laboratories offer private well water testing services.

A comprehensive list of these laboratories is in development, but well water users may also consult the Alabama Department of Environmental Management list of Certified Labs in the State, using this link: <http://www.adem.alabama.gov/programs/water/drinkingwater/labcert.cnt>

1. Test Well Water

Alabama Department of Public Health
or Private Labs

2. Interpret Results

Your results for each item tested
Whether those results are within
health guidelines.

3. Take Action

Address your water
concerns based on feedback

What to know before you call a lab:

Where your well is located (is it near livestock, electrical services, septic systems? etc.)

The last time your well water was tested (if ever).

When you first started noticing the change in water quality.

ADPH OFFICES (offer total coliform testing)

COUNTY	ADPH Number	ADDRESS
Autauga	(334) 361-3743	219 North Court StreetPrattville, Alabama 36067
Baldwin	(251) 947-3618	212 Courthouse SquareBay Minette, Alabama 36507
Barbour	(334) 687-4808	P.O. Box 238634 School StreetEufaula, Alabama 36027
Bibb	(205) 926-9702	281 Alexander AvenueCentreville, Alabama 35042
Blount	(205) 274-2120	1001 Lincoln AvenueOneonta, Alabama 35121
Bullock	(334) 738-3030	674 Hicks Industrial BoulevardUnion Springs, Alabama 36089
Butler	(334) 382-3154	350 Airport RoadGreenville, Alabama 36037
Calhoun	(256) 237-4324.	3400 McClellan BoulevardAnniston, Alabama 36201
Chambers	(334) 756-0758	5 North Medical Park DriveValley, Alabama 36854
Cherokee	(256) 927-7322	833 Cedar Bluff RoadCentre, Alabama 35960
Chilton	(205) 755-1287	301 Health Center DriveClanton, Alabama 35046
Choctaw	(205) 459-4026	1001 South Mulberry AvenueButler, Alabama 36904
Clarke	(251) 275-4177	22600 Highway 84 EastGrove Hill, Alabama 36451
Clay	(256) 396-6421	86892 Highway 9Lineville, Alabama 36266
Cleburne	(256) 463-2296	90 Brockford RoadHeflin, Alabama 36264-1605
Coffee	(334) 347-9574	2841 Neal Metcalf RoadEnterprise, Alabama 36330
Colbert	(256) 383-1231	1000 S. Jackson HighwaySheffield, Alabama 35660
Conecuh	(251) 578-9729.	102 Wild AvenueEvergreen, Alabama 36401
Covington	(334) 222-1175	23989 Alabama Highway 55Andalusia, Alabama 36420
Crenshaw	(334) 335-2471	15 Hospital DriveLuverne, Alabama 36049
Cullman	(256) 734-0243	601 Logan Avenue, S.W.Cullman, Alabama 35055
Dale	(334) 774-5146	532 W. Roy Parker RoadOzark, Alabama 36360
Dallas	(334) 872-5887	100 Samuel O. Moseley DriveSelma, Alabama 36701
Dekalb	(256) 845-7031	2401 Calvin Drive, SouthwestFort Payne, Alabama 35967
Elmore	(334) 567-1171	6501 U.S. Highway 231Wetumpka, Alabama 36092
Escambia	Atmore Office: (251) 368-9188 Brewton Office: (251) 867-5765	8600 Highway 31 NorthAtmore, Alabama 36502 ; 1115 Azalea PlaceBrewton, Alabama 36426
Etowah	(256) 439-2586	709 East Broad StreetGadsden, Alabama 35903
Fayette	(205) 932-5260	215 1st Avenue NWFayette, Alabama 35555
Franklin	(256) 332-2700	801 Highway 48Russellville, Alabama 35654
Geneva	(334) 684-2256	300 County Road 41Hartford, Alabama 36344

Greene	(205) 372-9361	412 Morrow AvenueEutaw, Alabama 35462-1109
Hale	(334) 624-3018	670 Hall StreetGreensboro, Alabama 36744
Henry	(334) 585-2660	500 Kirkland StreetAbbeville, Alabama 36310
Houston	(334) 678-2815	1781 East Cottonwood RoadDothan, Alabama 36301
Jackson	(256) 259-5882	204 Liberty LaneScottsboro, Alabama 35769-4133
Jefferson	(205) 933-9110	1400 Sixth Avenue SouthBirmingham, Alabama 35233
Lamar	(205) 695-9195	300 Springfield RoadVernon, Alabama 35592
Lauderdale	(256) 764-7453	4112 Chisholm RoadFlorence, Alabama 35630
Lawrence	(256) 974-8849	13299 Alabama Highway 157Moulton, Alabama 35650
Lee	(334) 745-5765	1801 Corporate DriveOpelika, Alabama 36801
Limestone	(256) 232-3200	20371 Clyde Mabry DriveAthens, Alabama 35611
Lowndes	(334) 548-2564	StreetHayneville, Alabama 36040
Macon	(334) 727-1800	812 Hospital RoadTuskegee, Alabama 36083
Madison	(256) 533-8726	301 Max Luther Drive NWHuntsville, Alabama 35811
Marengo	(334) 295-4205	303 Industrial DriveLinden, Alabama 36748
Marion	(205) 921-3118	2448 Military Street SouthHamilton, Alabama 35570
Marshall	(256) 582-4926	150 Judy Smith DriveGuntersville, Alabama 35976
Mobile	(251) 634-9801	1110 Schillinger Rd N #200Mobile, Alabama 36608
Monroe	(251) 575-7034.	416 Agriculture DriveMonroeville, Alabama 36460
Montgomery	(334) 293-6452.	3060 Mobile HighwayMontgomery, Alabama 36108
Morgan	(256) 560-6563	3821 Hwy. 31 SouthDecatur, Alabama 35603
Perry	(334) 683-6153	1748 South Washington St.Marion, Alabama 36756
Pickens	(205) 367-8157	80 William E. Hill DriveCarrollton, Alabama 35447
Pike	(334) 566-2860	900 South Franklin DriveTroy, Alabama 36081
Randolph	(334) 863-8981	320 Main StreetRoanoke, Alabama 36274
Russell	(334) 297-0251	1850 Crawford RoadPhenix City, Alabama 36867
Shelby	(205) 685-4178	2000 County Services DriveP.O. Box 846Pelham, Alabama 35124
St. Clair	205-338-3357	1175 23rd Street NorthPell City, Alabama 35125
Sumter	(205) 652-7972	1121 North Washington StreetLivingston, Alabama 35470
Talladega	Talladega:(256) 362-2593 Sylacauga: 256-249-3807	1004 South Street E Talladega, Alabama 35160; 311 North Elm Street Sylacauga, Alabama 35150
Tallapoosa	256-329-5116	2078 Sportplex BoulevardAlexander City, Alabama 35010
Tuscaloosa	(205) 562-6900	2350 Hargrove Road EastTuscaloosa, Alabama 35405
Walker	(205) 221-9775	705 20th Avenue EastJasper, Alabama 35501
Washington	(251) 847-2245	14900 St. Stephens AvenueChatom, Alabama 36518
Wilcox	(334) 682-4515	107 Union StreetCamden, Alabama 36726
Winston	(205) 489-2101	110 Legion RoadDouble Springs, Alabama 35553

ADEM Certified Bacteriological Labs that offer private well testing services to the public

COUNTY	LABORATORY NAME	CONTACT	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	TEL	EMAIL	TESTS	WEBSITE
Etowah	Gadsden Water Works Laboratory	Melissa Curry	515 Albert Rafins Blvd.	Gadsden	35901	(256) 543-2884 ext 219	mcurry@gadsdenwater.org	Presence absence of bacteria (\$20) and quantification (\$40)	http://gadsdenwater.org/environmental/lab/ordering.aspx
Houston	Houston County Regional Water Lab	David Evans	1781 East Cottonwood Highway	Dorhan	36301	(334) 678-2810	david.evans@adph.state.al.us	Total coliform, e.coli (fecal coliform)	http://www.houstoncounty.org/WaterLab_RabResControl
Jackson	Bridgeport Water Treatment Plant Laboratory	Larry Johnson	P O Box 36	Bridgeport	35740	(256) 495-2594	bridgeportc@balsouth.net	Test for Coliform and E.coli. Customers must pick up the sample bottle to take sample themselves.	https://www.houstoncounty.org/WaterLab_RabResControl
Jefferson	Guardian Systems	Tara M. Bennett	1108 Ashville Road	Leeds	35094	(205) 699-6647	tbennett@slab.com	Total coliform, e.coli, nitrate, nitrite, lead	https://www.gslab.com/
Lauderdale	Southern Environmental Testing	Allison Dixon Lab Manager	3103 Northington Court	Florence	35630	(256) 740-5332	agdixon@sestesting.com	Bact total coliform.	
Mobile	Pace Analytical Services - Mobile	Shelley Anchoie	4320 Midmost Drive	Mobile	36690	251-344-9106	shelley.ancholie@pacealab.com	Customer must pick up kit and take own sample.	
Morgan	Pace Analytical National Decatur	Johnny Mitchell	2220 Baldline Road SW	Decatur	35601	(256) 350-0846	jmitchell@pacenational.com	Offer sampling and testing services for total coliform, e.coli, nitrate, nitrite and potentially other options.	
Russell	Phenix City Water Works Laboratory	Scott Benasema	1100 32nd Street	Phenix City	36887	(334) 291-4757	dbenasema@phenixcityal.us	Bacteriological (e. coli and total coliform) for \$15, can do some chemical tests (pH and manganese for additional fee).	https://phenixcityal.us/utilities/division/water/
Tallapoosa	Alexander City Sugar Creek Laboratory	Richard Blankenship	2315 Sugar Creek Road	Alexander City	35010	(256) 409-2031	richard.blankenship@alexander-cityal.gov	Bacteriological testing	https://alexander-cityal.gov/utilities/pegel/sugar-creek

ADEM Certified Chemical Labs that offer private well testing services to the public

COUNTY	LABORATORY NAME	CONTACT	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	TEL	Email	TESTS	WEBSITE
Jefferson	Sutherland Environmental Company	Michael Hard	2315 Fifth Avenue South	Birmingham	35233	(205) 581-9500	suthlab@bellsouth.net	Drinking water certified, do a variety of tests, depending on the needs of the customer (total coliform, e. coli, nitrate, etc). Call to discuss needs and pricing.	http://www.sutherlandlab.com
Jefferson	Sillbrock Environmental Testing Laboratory	Mark Dover	305 Crawford Street	Fairfield	35064	205-788-1750	sillbrock@mrsr.com	Call for details.	https://www.gslab.com/
Jefferson	Guardian Systems	Tara M. Bennett	1108 Ashville Road	Leeds	35094	(205) 699-6647	tbennett@slab.com	Call for details.	https://www.gslab.com/
Lauderdale	Southern Environmental Testing	Allison Dixon	3103 Northington Court	Florence	35630	256-740-5332	agdixon@sestesting.com	Test total coliform, e.coli. Call for pricing.	

NON certified private labs (have not been certified by ADEM)

COUNTY	LABORATORY NAME	CONTACT	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	TEL	EMAIL	TESTS OFFERED	WEBSITE
Macon	Sun Crest Labs	Dr. Will Ewins	9500 Alabama Hwy 14 W	Nocasuga	36866	334-257-3435		Call for details.	
Macon	Tuskegee Water Lab	Lydia					ovidusermency@gmail.com	Lead, phosphate, nitrate, pH, TDS	
Lee	AU Soil and Water Testing Lab		Soil Testing Laboratory, ALFA Building, 961 S. Donahue Drive, Auburn University, Auburn, AL	Auburn	36849	334-844-3958	soiltest@auburn.edu	Ca, Mg, K, P, Cu, Fe, Mn, Zn, B, Al, Cd, Cr, Pb, Ni, pH, Nitrate, Ammonium, Soluble salts, alkalinity.	https://aaes.auburn.edu/soil-forage-water-testing-lab/
Jefferson	Aqua Systems	Chris	Several locations	Birmingham AL			205-390-3424		http://www.aquasystems.com
	GEORGIA LABS	CONTACT	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	TEL	EMAIL	TESTS OFFERED	WEBSITE
	University of Georgia, Feed and Dr. Uttam Saha		2300 College Station Rd.	Athens	30602	706-542-5350	fwilab@uga.edu	Offer basic water test for \$20 (2.25 ml sample), 2-3 day turn	http://aes.ces.uga.edu/testreduced/