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## DOH-PINELLAS URGES WELL OWNERS TO TEST THEIR WATER SUPPLY



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The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) urges owners of wells used for drinking water to have them tested once a year. Testing potable water for bacteria and other contaminants such as nitrates can ensure a safe water supply for the family.

While issues such as the recent sinkhole in Tarpon Springs may have affected nearby well owners, well-water safety is always a concern for anyone who owns a well in Pinellas County. Annual testing should be part of the well's regular maintenance.

DOH-Pinellas' Environmental Health staff can test wells to protect the quality of your drinking water. For a fee of \$25, well owners can package water samples on their own to send to a certified laboratory. DOH-Pinellas staff can also come to your home to collect the samples for an extra fee. Well owners may also choose to have a private state-certified lab do the testing.

For information about the Private Well Testing program, go to <http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/private-well-testing/index.html> or call (727) 538-7277.

For information about DOH-Pinellas, go to [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com) or call (727) 824-6900.

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