



WELL TESTING PROGRAM

- RHA partners with municipalities throughout the region to offer residents the opportunity to test their well water.
- Testing is done by a state-certified laboratory for analysis.
- Test results come directly to us, and we share the results directly with residents.

partnership * community service * convenience *
affordability * privacy

West Amwell Township
WELL TESTING
SATURDAY, MAY 20
West Amwell Municipal Building
8:00 AM-12:30pm

Basic Kit \$60
(coliform and nitrates)
Arsenic \$35
Lead \$25
Hardness \$15
Iron \$15
Gross Alpha \$80

*other testing options available

WHAT'S IN YOUR WATER?

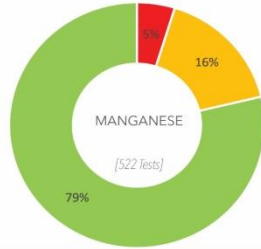
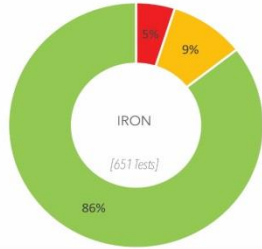
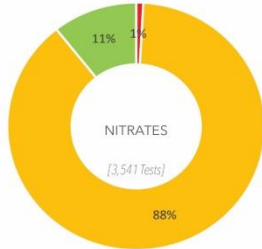
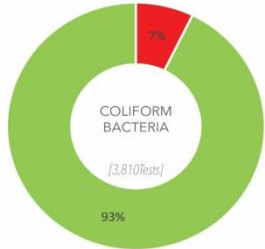
For more information visit
TestMyWell.org
or call 908-234-1852 ext 401

The only way to know your well water is safe is to test it!

WATERSHED-WIDE RESULTS WELL TESTING



● Non-Detect ● Present ● Failed



Your water is our mission.

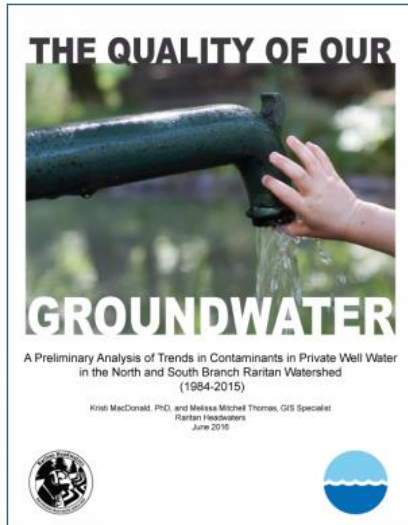
www.RaritanHeadwaters.org | 908.234.1852 x401 | WellTesting@RaritanHeadwaters.org

Well Testing Throughout the Watershed

- ✓ Program established in 1974
- ✓ Over 16,000 records
- ✓ 80% of residents rely on well water

Participating Municipalities

- Alexandria Township
- Bedminster Township
- Bernardsville Borough
- Bethlehem Township
- Bridgewater Township
- Califon Borough
- Chester Twp & Boro
- Clinton Township
- Delaware Township
- East Amwell Township
- Far Hills Borough
- Franklin Township
- Kingwood Township
- Lebanon Township
- Mendham Township
- Mount Olive Township
- Raritan Township
- Readington Township
- Roxbury Township
- Tewksbury Township
- Union Township
- Washington Township
- West Amwell Township



1,280 people tested their drinking water in 2016
675 wells tested since January 2017





WHAT WORKS?

Convenience



Residents find the program's accessibility and affordability appealing. This is key to increasing participation rates.

Communication



Township generated messages are an effective means of communicating with the public. Residents need reminders to test!

Community



Health professionals and groundwater professionals can work together to help well owners.

Education



Well owners come from every social, economic and educational class. Many homeowners are new to rural life and the responsibility that comes with a well.

STEPS TO BETTER PARTICIPATION

1

Support

township partners in communication efforts and provide resources for education and outreach

2

Emphasize

convenience, privacy and affordability

3

Disseminate

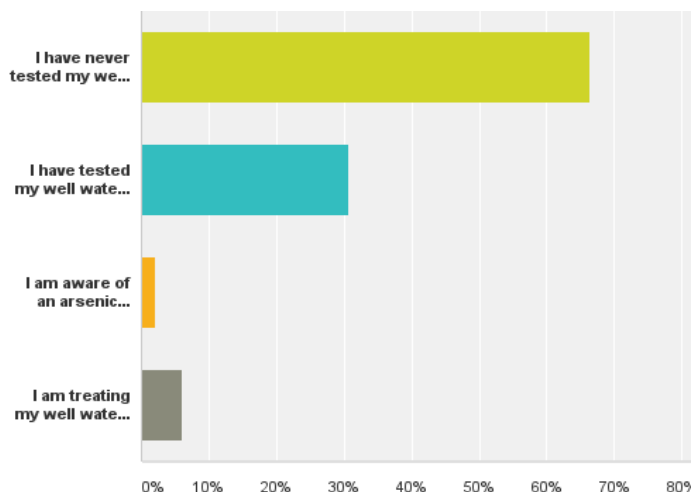
information to the public regarding local contamination risks and the need to test.
Work with partners in healthcare fields for broader reach

Informational Survey for Private Well Owners

Community Well Test Participant Pilot Study, Fall 2016

A Joint Project of Raritan Headwaters and Columbia University Superfund Research Program (Community Engagement and Research Translation Cores)

- 88% heard about the program through a township communication
- 64% tested through RHA out of convenience
- 70% of respondents have never tested their well for arsenic



What is your experience with arsenic? Please choose all that apply

<https://www.raritanheadwaters.org/arsenic-awareness-toolkit-for-local-leaders/>



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Arsenic: What is it and where does it come from?

A Homeowner's Guide to Arsenic in Drinking Water- *NJDEP*

Overview of arsenic and how it enters our water supply

National Groundwater Association WellOwner.org

What's in your well water? an arsenic awareness video for adults



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- Spruce Run Clean-up Continues
- Learn about Arsenic in Drinking Water on Sept. 14

Thank you for joining us today!
We hope to see you at our next
Watershed Tools for Local Leaders
Workshop.

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