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Residents Encouraged to Test Their Private Well

The Killingworth Health Department is encouraging residents to test their well to ensure a safe water supply.

Water plays an essential role in everyone's life. With the exception of one small community water supply, all of the homes in Killingworth rely upon a private well for their water supply.

Homeowners with private wells use groundwater every day for drinking, cooking, bathing, cleaning, agriculture, cooling and heating.

Spring is a good season for an annual well water checkup before peak water use season begins. Proper maintenance of a well water system is essential to protecting water quality. Private well owners should consider taking a few steps to inspect their wells for structural problems, protect from contamination, and most importantly, test for water quality.

It is generally recommended that testing be performed every 5 years. The following parameters should be included in the test: total coliform, nitrate nitrogen, nitrite nitrogen, chloride, uranium, sodium, iron, manganese, hardness, turbidity, pH, sulfate, apparent color, odor and radon.

For general well information, a list of certified laboratories and testing guidelines please visit the Killingworth Health Department website at <http://www.townofkillingworth.com/offices/health.html>. Additional information is also available from the CT Department of Public Health Private Well Program website at www.ct.gov/dph/privatewells.

Please contact the Killingworth Health Department at (860) 663-1765 x223 should you have any questions or need any additional information.

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