



## Health Department Provides Free Bacteria Testing

*Testing for those with private drinking water sources impacted by flooding*

The Bear River Health Department Water Laboratory will be providing free bacteria testing to private drinking water sources that have been impacted by the recent flooding.

Why should I test my water?

- You should have your water tested to ensure that there is not surface water contamination getting into your well because of the flooding situation.

Who should test their water?

- If you are on a private well or spring that has been flooded, you should test your water for bacteria to see if the water you are using is still potable / drinkable.
- If you are on a public water system (*you pay a water bill*) you do NOT need to test your water. Public water systems are continuously monitored for water quality and bacteria.

How do I test my water?

- Sterile sample bottles can be picked up at any of our Health Department offices (Tremonton, Brigham City - South, Logan - EH Building)
- Samples should be collected from a cold water, non-swivel, non-aerated tap in the home. The best place to collect a sample is from a bathtub faucet.
- Let the water run for 30 seconds to 2 minutes to ensure you are getting water from the source.
- Samples need to be returned to the Health Department within 24 hours of collecting the samples.
- Samples will be received at any of the Health Department Buildings Monday -Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Please contact Sarah Cheshire at (435) 792-6570 with questions.

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*Prevention and controlling disease and disability. Protecting the individual, community, and the environment. Promoting, maintaining and improving healthy lifestyles.*