

AFTER THE FLOOD

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PRIVATE WELLS

If a well has been flooded, or there is any possibility of contamination such as standing water close to the well head, discontinue using the water and follow this procedure:

1. Check to see if the well is pumping clear water. If it is not, pump the well until it runs clear. Chlorination is **not** effective on turbid water.
2. Once the well is running clear, chlorinate using standard chlorination procedure.
3. After the chlorine odor is gone, submit a sample to the lab.
4. If the first sample is good, wait 3-5 days and take another sample. If the first sample is bad, repeat the chlorination process.
5. If the second sample is good, the water should be safe to use. Take another sample is 2 - 4 weeks for confirmation.

Collecting a Water Sample

Select a cold water faucet (or an outside faucet close to the well). Remove any screen or other attachment to the faucet, and let the water run for 3 to 5 minutes. Remove the cap from the sample bottle without touching the inside of the cap or the bottle. Fill the bottle above the 100 ml mark within ¼ inch of the top. Samples with less than 100 mls of water will not be tested. Do not rinse out the bottle; it contains a chemical used to neutralize chlorine. Replace the cap carefully and tighten.

Fill out the laboratory form using black waterproof ink and submit the sample to the lab within 30 hours of collection.

The cost for water samples is \$8.00 per bottle. Payment by check or money order **only** must accompany each sample.

PUBLIC SYSTEMS

3 consecutive negative raw samples must be obtained from any public system where the well has been flooded. Then representative distribution samples must be taken to check the system. Raw samples should be marked "RAW" and distribution samples should be marked "SPECIAL".

Other questions about public systems, call TCEQ @ 512.239.4691

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