

Board of Health Regulations

Testing for Private Wells

Effective May 2003

1) All private wells shall be tested for the following:

Alkalinity	Iron
Aluminum	Magnesium
Ammonia, Nitrogen	Manganese
Arsenic	Mercury
Asbestos	Nickel
Barium	Nitrate, Nitrogen
Beryllium	Nitrite, Nitrogen
Cadmium	PH
Calcium	Potassium
Chloride	Selenium
Chromium & Hexavalent Chromium	Silver
Coliform	Sodium
Color	Specific Conductance
Copper	Sulfate
Cyanide	Turbidity
Free CO2	VOC's
Hardness	SOC's as required by Board

As well as any additional tests that the Board of Health deems necessary.

2) Samples must be drawn by the well driller or lab and must be tested by a laboratory that is licensed by the State of Massachusetts. Street address as well as map and lot must be on test results.

3) The lab must indicate that water meets all the maximum contaminant level requirements as established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for public drinking water (for parameters tested). If it is not, the well must be pumped and tested again by the procedure listed above for items not passing. If Massachusetts does not have recommended limits, EPA limits will apply.

4) If retest does not meet state requirements, an appropriate filter must be installed. The well must then be pumped and tested again for failed items as indicated above.

5) No Certificate of Compliance will be issued unless well meets standards.

James Romano, Chairman

Daniel Fournier, Clerk

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