



Well Water Testing During COVID-19

The Anoka County Public Health and Environmental Services Department helps Anoka County residents protect their drinking water. One way to assure safe, quality drinking water is by having it tested.

Limited Re-Opening of Well Water Testing

Anoka County Environmental Services is re-opening the well water testing program on a limited basis. Water samples for sanitary analysis (bacteria and nitrates) will be accepted one Monday and Tuesday per month with limited hours. Water samples for other analyses (arsenic, manganese, lead, etc.) will not be accepted at this time. An appointment and pre-payment over the phone will be required. Please see the full details to the right. The upcoming dates and times for water sample collection will be:

- Monday, December 28th, 1-4 pm
- Tuesday, December 29th, 9-11:30 pm
- Monday, January 25th, 1-4 pm
- Tuesday, January 26th, 9-11:30 am
- Monday, February 22nd, 1-4 pm
- Tuesday, February 23rd, 9-11:30 am
- Monday, March 29th, 1-4 pm
- Tuesday, March 30th, 9-11:30 am

The drop-off table will be located on the 1st floor of the Anoka County Government Center near the main door.

Criteria for Dropping Off a Sample

- Sample kits (sample collection bottle and blue sampling sheet with instructions) must be obtained ahead of time. No kits will be available on the drop-off days. Kit locations are listed on the reverse side of this page.
- A drop-off appointment must be made by calling ahead and paying in advance with a credit card over the phone. No cash or checks allowed, and no credit cards will be accepted the day of drop-off. Call (763) 324-4260 to make an appointment and pay.
- The blue sampling sheet must be completed ahead of time. No pens will be available to use at the drop-off table.
- Specific water-related questions can be directed ahead of time to Abby Shea at (763) 324-4207.
- Only samples for sanitary analysis (bacteria and nitrates) will be accepted at this time. If other testing is desired, it can be performed at a later date or a private laboratory can be recommended.
- Social distancing guidelines must be respected, and masks are required. Rules of the drop-off area must be followed.

Test Kit Pick-Up Locations

Water test kits are currently available at the following locations:

- Andover City Hall
- Blaine Public Works (1801 101st Ave NE, Blaine; (763) 785-6165 – please call ahead)
- East Bethel City Hall
- Ham Lake City Hall (call and they will set one out for you: (763) 434-9555)
- Linwood Township Hall
- Oak Grove City Hall
- Ramsey City Hall
- St. Francis City Hall (call and they will set one out for you: (763) 753-2630)

Feel free to call additional city halls to see if they can provide a water test kit.

Other Well Water Testing Options

If:

- Well water testing is needed to be done sooner than the next water sample collection date and time,
- Test results are needed quickly (turnaround time for samples submitted through the Anoka County program is approximately 3-4 weeks at this time), or
- Analyses other than the sanitary analysis (such as arsenic, manganese, lead, etc.) are desired,

a list of private, state-certified water testing laboratories is available at www.anokacounty.us/water under the Related Documents section on the righthand side of the webpage.

Resources

The most up to date information, along with other water-related information and resources can be found on the [Anoka County Water Website \(www.anokacounty.us/water\)](http://www.anokacounty.us/water).

[Know the Flow \(www.knowtheflow.us\)](http://www.knowtheflow.us)

[Water Testing FAQs](#)



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