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Test private well water

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The Alabama Department of Public Health urges residents of flooded areas, especially persons living in areas where there may have been flash flooding, to test their water wells before consuming water from them.

Private wells that have been covered by flood water should be assumed to have been contaminated. Do not drink water from your well or feed it to your animals until you have tested it and received a satisfactory result.

Sample kits may be obtained from the local health departments and state health department laboratories which are equipped to sample well water for bacteriological contamination. Once a satisfactory sample is obtained, the well should be monitored by continued sampling to ensure the quality of the water supply.

Until water is known to be free of contaminants, residents should only use clear water which has been brought to a full boil for one minute.

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