

HARVEYS Lake Region

Harveys Lake Drinking Water Sampling and Testing Outreach Program

In July 2025, the Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Council will be facilitating a private well owner water sampling and testing program working with the Know Your H2O Program and the Keystone Clean Water Team. The Know Your H2O Program has been involved with the Well Water Testing Program at Harveys Lake since 2006. Since the start of the program, we have tested over 150 private wells in this region.

We have seen that this outreach program positively impacts the water quality for the private well owners in the area. When the program first started, over 70% of the private well samples reported problems with the water that could have an adverse health impact. During the most recent water testing events, less than 30% of the private wells had water quality conditions that could impact the user's health. Therefore, the feedback from the program has resulted in individuals taking positive correction measures to improve their drinking water quality without the need to impose local agency or state regulations. Like many states, the quality of your private drinking water source is the responsibility of the private well owner and their community. This year we are offering the Private Well Owner Informational Water Testing Program and we are limiting this assessment to the first 30 private well owners in the region.

The program will offer two testing options: (Sampling Kits are First Come First Serve)

Option 1:

Screening Assessment (Informational)– Presence Absence Total Coliform. *E. coli.*, pH, conductivity, nitrate, nitrite, total dissolved solids (estimated), and turbidity

\$95.00 per sample, plus the cost of any electronic payment.

Option 2:

Informational Water Testing – Presence/ Absence Test for T. Coliform/ *E. coli.* and Alkalinity (Total as CaCO₃), Chloride, Fluoride, Hardness, Nitrate as N, Nitrite-N, Orthophosphate, pH, Sulfate, Total Dissolved Solids, Turbidity, Metals including Aluminum, Arsenic, Barium, Copper, Iron, Lead, Magnesium, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Potassium, Sodium, Zinc, and more. This option includes the Keystone Clean Water Team drinking water educational booklet.

\$185.00 per sample, plus the cost of any electronic payment.

The sample containers will be available at the Harveys Lake Borough Building starting June 25, 2025. The private well owner will be required to collect the water sample on July 12, 2025 (Saturday) in the morning. The water sample must be returned to Harveys Lake Borough Building with the information sheet between 10:00 am and Noon on the same day, i.e., July 12, 2025. The program is being offered as part of the Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Council.