# **Comprehensive Well-Water Testing Services & Resources**

For a full spectrum analysis of your well water, including common contaminants, heavy metals, bacteria, and other health-related markers, consider the following trusted national and specialized resources:

# **💦Trusted Resources for Comprehensive Well Water Testing Services**

If NSF no longer provides consumer well water testing services, here are several reputable resources that offer comprehensive well water testing options:

**1. National Testing Laboratories Ltd.**

* **Website:** <www.watercheck.com>
* **Services:** Offers a wide range of well water test packages, including standard and advanced testing for bacteria, nitrates, heavy metals, pesticides, VOCs, and more.
* **Accreditation:** Certified by state and national bodies (including EPA certifications where applicable).
* **Shipping:** Provides water sample collection kits with prepaid return shipping.
* **Best For:** Homeowners seeking thorough, customizable test kits.

**2. Tap Score by SimpleLab**

* **Website:** [mytapscore.com](https://mytapscore.com/)
* **Services:** Offers science-based lab testing for well water with easy-to-understand digital reports and actionable guidance.
* **Test Categories:** Bacteria, metals, VOCs, radiologicals, fluoride, arsenic, and more.
* **Features:** Extremely user-friendly, with tiered testing levels (essential, advanced, etc.) and support for interpreting results.
* **Best For:** Consumer-friendly reporting with high reliability.

**3. Local or State Certified Water Testing Labs**

* **How to Find:** Contact your county health department or state environmental agency for a list of certified labs in your area.
* **Advantages:** Often more affordable and tailored to local contaminants of concern.
* **Best For:** Regional water safety issues (e.g., specific to agricultural runoff, mining areas, etc.).

**4. Your State University’s Cooperative Extension Service**

* **Example:** University of Wisconsin–Extension, Cornell Cooperative Extension, etc.
* **Services:** May offer well water test kits or access to certified testing labs at reduced costs.
* **Educational Support:** Often provide guidance on interpreting results and maintaining a safe well.

**5. Certified Local Environmental Laboratories (NELAP Accredited)**

* **Search Tool:** Use the TNI Laboratory Accreditation Directory to find accredited labs.
* **Best For:** Specialized testing, regulatory compliance, and professional analysis.

# 💦Comprehensive Well Water Testing Checklist

* **Coliform Bacteria / E. coli**
* **Chlorine & Chloramine**
* **Parasites & Protozoa** (e.g., Giardia, Cryptosporidium)
* **Nitrates & Nitrites**
* **Heavy Metals** (lead, arsenic, mercury, cadmium, copper, iron, manganese)
* **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)** (e.g., benzene, toluene, xylene, TCE)
* **Pesticides, Herbicides & Fertilizer Residues**
* **Endocrine Disruptors & PFAS** ("forever chemicals" like PFOS, PFOA, GenX)
* **Radon & Uranium** (region-based concern)
* **pH, Hardness & Chloride**
* **Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)**

# 💧Testing Frequency Recommendations

* **Annually:** Bacteria, nitrates, and basic mineral content
* **Every 3-5 years:** Heavy metals, VOCs, and full-panel contaminants
* **After any flooding, land disturbance, or new construction nearby**

# 🚿Tips for Choosing a Well Water Testing Service:

* Look for **EPA/NELAP certification**.
* Choose a panel that includes **coliform bacteria, nitrates, lead, arsenic, manganese, pH, hardness, VOCs**, and **pesticides**.
* Test annually or after flooding, nearby construction, or changes in taste/smell/color.
* Use only labs that provide **chain-of-custody documentation** if results are for legal or regulatory use.

# 📝Tips

* Always follow instructions carefully to avoid contamination during sample collection.
* Use a clean tap (not softened water) for sample collection.
* Store cold and ship promptly if mailing to a lab.