



## **Lost Cost Water-Quality Testing for Well Owners in Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District**

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The Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District (District) is excited to partner with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to offer local well owners an affordable opportunity to test their water quality. During the Well Water Checkup event, well owners within the District can submit a sample and have their well water screened for basic quality and common contaminants including fecal coliform, E. coli bacteria, nitrates and high salinity for \$15 per sample.

The first 10 people to drop off a sample on March 4<sup>th</sup> will get one sample analyzed for free!

### **How to Participate:**

#### **1. Collect Your Sample**

Please use a clean sterile bottle when collecting your well water sample. The District has limited availability of test kits for those interested. Please email [admin@swtcgcd.org](mailto:admin@swtcgcd.org) or call the District office at (512) 276-2875 to confirm test kit availability and pickup.

To ensure accurate results, samples should be collected as close to drop-off time as possible but no earlier than 3 PM on March 3rd. Samples collected too early may not accurately detect bacteria. *Please be sure to keep them refrigerated.*

#### **2. Drop Off Your Sample & Payment | Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 9:30am to 12:30pm**

Return filled sample kits to the District office on March 4 between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Payment of \$15 is required at drop-off and must be made by cash and check only, payable to "Texas A&M AgriLife Extension" and then note on the memo line: Extension Account 250100-60007.

#### **3. Receive Your Results | Thursday, March 5, 2026, 1:00pm to 2:30pm**

Please join the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and surrounding groundwater districts on March 5th from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM at the Wimberley Village Library located at 400 FM 2325 in Wimberley, Texas for your results and a community discussion on ways you can protect your well. Attendance is optional but highly encouraged. If you cannot attend, the results will be emailed.

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*The Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District (SWTCGCD) is a groundwater conservation district established by the Texas Legislature to preserve, conserve, and protect the aquifers and groundwater resources within its jurisdiction. The District is governed by a seven-member elected Board of Directors and operates with a small, dedicated team of hydrogeologists, regulatory compliance professionals, and administrative staff.*

# Water Sample Information

**For water samples:** Please complete the attached water sample form for each sample you submit and follow the directions below for sample collection:

- 01** Please use a new bottle of water (12-20 ounces), pour out the contents and fill it with a water sample from your private water well. Take the sample from the spigot/hose bib nearest to the well head. Remove the water hose if there is one and take directly from the spigot/hose bib. If an inside faucet is used, you will need to remove the aerator on faucet before making the collection. Rinse and dry the exterior of the faucet to prevent exterior contamination of your water sample. If possible, wipe off with a Clorox-type towelette or paper towel wetted with a light bleach solution to kill any bacteria present on the faucet. **Allow the solution to dry before sampling.** Turn on the water full force and let it run at full force for two minutes or until you hear the pump start running. Reduce the water flow to a small stream.
- 02** **Refrigerate the sample and transport it to the workshop (in an ice chest) as soon after collection as possible. It is best to collect the day of the workshop if that is possible otherwise make sure the sample is kept cool and out of direct sunlight. Sample should be collected within 24 hours before the workshop to ensure accurate results.**
- 03** We encourage you to bring samples from all wells on your property; many participants that have water treatment equipment take samples before and after treatment to make sure the equipment is functioning properly. Also we need for you to label the sample with your name (if you bring more than one sample you also need to label the sample in some way to make sure you know which well the sample comes from). We will be screening for Nitrates, TDS (salinity) and bacteria (absence or presence of coliform and E. coli) with your sample.



# Texas Well Owner Network Water Sample Form

By providing a water sample to be screened through the Texas Well Owner Network program, I acknowledge that the analysis results may be used for research and summary purposes.

**Please print clearly and complete all pages of form.**

Date Collected: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City Zip

Sample Location Address (if different from mailing address):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City Zip

County: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE ID  
NUMBER:**

**MARKING INSTRUCTIONS**

CORRECT: ● INCORRECT: ✗ ⊗ ☹ ☹

**WATER WELL SAMPLE:**

1. What is the primary use for your water well?

☐ Domestic/household use ☐ Livestock ☐ Irrigation ☐ Other

2. What type of well do you have?

(a) ☐ dug or bored well ☐ drilled well ☐ don't know

(b) what is the well's depth, if known? 

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 feet ☐ don't know

(c) what year was the well constructed, if known? 

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☐ don't know

3. What water treatment devices are currently installed? **(fill in all that apply)**

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> none                   | <input type="radio"/> acid neutralizer                   |
| <input type="radio"/> ultraviolet (UV) light | <input type="radio"/> water softener (conditioner)       |
| <input type="radio"/> sediment filter        | <input type="radio"/> reverse osmosis                    |
| <input type="radio"/> iron removal           | <input type="radio"/> activated carbon (charcoal) filter |
| <input type="radio"/> chlorinator            | <input type="radio"/> Other, specify: _____              |

