

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Domestic Well Drinking Water Testing Program

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Recommendation

- Receive presentation from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to announce a free domestic well drinking water testing program.
- Direct staff to collaborate outreach efforts in support of program.

Background

- The Monterey County Health Department/Environmental Health (“EHB”) is responsible for the oversight of domestic drinking water within the County. The EHB requires regular testing of domestic systems for contaminants.
- Domestic Drinking water system is defined as *“any water system including a local small water system, State small water system, or small public water system”* (15.04.020 MCC) but does not include individual wells.
- As part of these cooperative efforts to work together to protect the public’s right to safe drinking water, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB) is sponsoring a free, voluntary drinking water testing program for residents in the Central Coast (Monterey County) who obtain their drinking water from a private or shared groundwater well.

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FREE DRINKING WATER WELL TESTING

for Central Coast Residents

What the program offers:

- Free well sampling is being offered to residents who get their drinking water from a domestic well.
- Test results and information on how to interpret the results.
- Tips on what to do if your well is contaminated and how to protect your well from contamination.
- Resources on free replacement drinking water programs.

The testing is focused on two common contaminants, arsenic and nitrate.

About Nitrate:

- Has no color or odor
- Boiling the water does not make it safe to drink
- Can cause serious health effects, especially in pregnant women and children
- Can cause certain types of cancer and birth defects
- Common groundwater contaminant



For more information or to schedule your free testing:
Scan the QR Code, using your smartphone

Visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/ccgroundwater>

Call: 844.613.5152



PRUEBAS GRATIS AL AGUA POTABLE

de Pozos de Residentes de la Costa Central

Qué es lo que el programa ofrece:

- A los residentes que reciben su agua potable de un pozo doméstico, se les están ofreciendo pruebas gratis al agua potable del pozo.
- Resultados de las pruebas del agua e información sobre cómo interpretar los resultados.
- Consejos sobre qué hacer si el pozo está contaminado, y cómo proteger su pozo de la contaminación.
- Recursos sobre programas gratuitos de reemplazo de agua.

Las pruebas se enfocan en dos contaminantes comunes, el nitrato y el arsénico.

Acerca del nitrato:

- No tiene color ni olor
- Hervir el agua no hace que sea segura para beber
- Puede causar efectos serios a la salud especialmente en las mujeres embarazadas y los niños
- Puede causar ciertos tipos de cáncer y defectos de nacimiento
- Es un contaminante común en el agua subterránea



Para Más Información o Para Hacer Cita Para La Prueba Gratis de su Agua:
Escanee el código de QR con su teléfono inteligente

Visite: <https://sites.google.com/view/aguas-subterneas-de-la-costa/>

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- Receive today's presentation from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- Direct staff to collaborate outreach efforts in support of CCRWQCB domestic drinking water program.