



Do you have a well or spring? What's in your water?

The Virginia Household Water Quality Program aims to improve the water quality and health of Virginians with wells, springs and cisterns. We provide affordable water testing, help interpret water test results, and provide information about addressing problems.



How does it work?

Participants must register to receive well water sample kit(s) and instructions how to collect water samples. Participants will collect samples on a designated day and time, and drop off at an Extension Office collection point. Physical distancing will be in place and masks are required. Water is analyzed on the Virginia Tech campus for 14 parameters. Once analysis is complete, confidential results, an explanation of what they mean, and information about addressing any problems will be sent via mail or email. A live video or recorded video presentation will be available to help participants understand results.

Testing includes:

Iron	Manganese	Coliform bacteria	Arsenic	Sulfate
Sodium	Copper	E. coli bacteria	Lead	Nitrate
Fluoride	Hardness	Total Dissolved Solids	pH	

Cost: \$20/sample kit (two ways to register – see below)

Water sample kits and sampling instructions	March 15, 2021 registration deadline if using credit card Must pick up sample kits at local VCE Office March 22 or 23
Drop off water samples at Extension Office parking lots. Vehicle pull up service. Masks are required.	March 24, 2021 between 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Chesapeake Extension Office, 310 Shea Drive 23322 Isle of Wight Extension Office, 17100 Monument Circle, Suite B 23397 Suffolk Extension Office, 440 Market Street 23439 Surry Extension Office, 45 School Street, Surry, Govt. Center 23883
Results will be mailed or emailed to home address.	April 28, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Live Interpretation Meeting via Zoom or link for recorded interpretations will be offered.

REGISTER BY MAIL: Send check or money order in the amount of \$20.00 made payable to either:

- VCE-Chesapeake (310 Shea Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322)
- VCE-Isle of Wight (17100 Monument Circle, Suite B, Isle of Wight, VA 23397)
- VCE-Surry (P. O. Box 205, Surry, VA 23883)
- VCE-Suffolk (P.O. Box 218, Suffolk, VA 23439). (Return check fee of \$50.00 applies in all counties.).

REGISTER ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD:

Special reduced cost through sponsorship: Hampton Roads Sanitation District is providing sponsorship for this clinic, reducing the cost from \$60/sample to \$20/sample. At the Clinic, participants will have an opportunity to learn about the **Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT)**. This innovative water purification initiative is designed to ensure a sustainable source of groundwater while addressing environmental challenges such as Chesapeake Bay restoration, sea level rise and saltwater intrusion.

- For more information about the program, contact Watson Lawrence-Chesapeake, watsonL@vt.edu, OR Livvy Preisser-Isle of Wight livvy16@vt.edu OR Elizabeth Pittman-Suffolk, elizp16@vt.edu or Tye Blount-Surry, tye91@vt.edu OR visit <http://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/>