

Franklin Lakes Board of Health

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Dear Franklin Lakes Resident with Private Well Water,

The Franklin Lakes Board of Health is encouraging residents with private wells to test their well water for contaminants. The State of New Jersey recommends that New Jersey residents have their well water tested once a year by a State certified lab because there are a variety of pollutants that can find their way into our private well water which can have adverse effects on our health.

You should feel confident that your well water is safe to drink and acceptable for other household uses. Regular testing will provide you with assurances that your water does not contain unacceptable levels of contaminants that may be harmful to your health and the health of your family.

More specifically, most of northern New Jersey, including nearly all of Bergen County, lies within the Piedmont Physiographic Province, where naturally occurring arsenic has been found in higher concentrations in groundwater (see attached map). High levels of arsenic in your private well water may cause health problems.

You should be aware that, under the Private Well Testing Act, results of well water tests are strictly confidential. You need not share the results. However, under the Private Well Testing Act, if you have a private well and you are selling your home, the well water will need to be tested and the results shared with the buyer. As has been the Borough's practice for the last several years, the Borough's Registered Environmental Health Specialist will assure that the private well water meets certain potable water standards before the Code Enforcement Office issues a continued certificate of occupancy. If your water has unacceptable levels of certain contaminants, you will need to take steps to remediate the contamination.

For additional information, visit the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Private Well Testing Act webpage at www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/pw_pwta.html.

The following New Jersey certified laboratories will provide arsenic sampling. Please contact the laboratory directly.

Aqua Pro Tech Laboratories
1275 Bloomfield Avenue #6
Fairfield, NJ 07007
973-227-0422
Cost: \$150.00

Eurofins QC, Inc.
196 Paterson Avenue #3
East Rutherford, NJ 07073
215-355-3900
Cost: \$45.00

Garden State Labs Inc.
410 Hillside Avenue
Hillside, NJ 07205
800-273-8901
Cost: \$50.00

Figure 5: Arsenic Exceedances Reported to the PWTA Program

