

## Haven Well Testing

Please read the other links about the details found in this section of the website.

**At this time, MPCA is also working to determine the extent and magnitude of Forever Chemicals found in some Haven wells. MPCA testing of residential wells will be an iterative and phased approach based on the data. Residents may volunteer to have wells tested, but MPCA will reach out to residents for well sampling if additional data is required.**

**MDH's website for topics such as reducing PFAS exposure, ways for homeowners to collect their own drinking water sample, and inexpensive treatment options they can consider may be found at:**

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/hazardous/topics/pfcs.html>

**Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends that all owners of private residential wells test their water at a minimum for:**

**coliform bacteria -- yearly**  
**nitrate -- yearly**  
**arsenic -- at least once**  
**lead -- at least once**  
**manganese -- once before a baby drinks**

**The universal advice MDH provides is on their website at Well Testing, Results, and Options - MN Dept. of Health. The MDH's Well Owner's Handbook can be accessed here and is:**

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/wells/waterquality/tips.html>

**Well Owner's Handbook - A Consumer's Guide to Water Wells in Minnesota**

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/wells/construction/handbook.pdf>

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## Information about Private testing of wells.

### Accredited Laboratories – PFAS Testing

To find a certified water testing lab that can accept samples from private wells for PFAS, please go to [Search for Accredited Laboratories - Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program](#).

1. Customize search
2. Set Category to “Emerging Contaminant”.
3. Check “Accepts samples from private home owners”.
4. Contact the lab directly to determine the number of required samples, sample collection and shipping.

If you have questions or technical issues with the website you can contact:

The Minnesota Environmental Laboratory  
Accreditation Program (MNELAP)  
Phone: 651-201-5324  
Email: [health.mnelap@state.mn.us](mailto:health.mnelap@state.mn.us)  
Interpreting your well test results

If you would like help interpreting your sample results and how they relate to MDH health-based guidance values, please contact the Site Assessment and Consultation Unit at 651-201-4897 or email [health.hazard@state.mn.us](mailto:health.hazard@state.mn.us).

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Protect your family

Eliminating all exposure to PFAS is unlikely, however, you can take the following steps to reduce your exposure to PFAS:

- Consider home water treatment if you live near sources of drinking water that is contaminated with PFAS, know there is PFAS in your drinking water, or are concerned about PFAS. (See [PFAS and Home Treatment of Water](#)).
- Prepare infant formula with filtered tap water or bottled water if your private well has not been tested for PFAS.
- PFOS may also be present in the fish people catch and eat. Fish Consumption Guidance for fish caught in areas affected by PFOS is available at [Fish Consumption Guidance](#).
- Learn additional tips at [PFAS and Health](#).

PFAS and Home Treatment of Water

There are both point-of-use (water is treated at one faucet or location) and point-of-entry (all the water in your home is treated) treatment options to reduce PFAS in drinking water. See [PFAS and Home Treatment of Water](#).

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