

How can I find out what to test my water for?

Here are some clues or symptoms to look for—to help you decide what you need tested:

1. **ODORS**....If your water smells like: then-- -Have your water tested for:

- a. Sulfur or rotten egg.....Total & Fecal Coliform and Hydrogen Sulfide
- b. Oil or gasoline.....TPH GRO & TPH DRO
- c. Fishy, sweet.....Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOC's)
- d. Musty, Earthy.....Total & Fecal Coliform Bacteria
- e. Chlorine smell.....Chlorine

2. **COLORS**....If your water looks like: then-- Have your water tested for:

- a. Bluish/green.....Copper and Lead
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- b. Brown/orange/yellow.....Iron
.Iron Bacteria
- c. Grey/cloudy/sediment.....Total & Fecal Coliform bacteria
Silica
Total Dissolved Solids
- d. White residue on glasses.....Sodium
Total Hardness
- e. Black staining of fixtures/laundry.....Manganese
- f. Soap scum, soap doesn't lather.....Total Hardness

3. **TASTES**....If your water has this taste: then-- Have your water tested for:

- a. Alkali /soda.....Taste & Odor Problems Grouping
- b. Metallic.....Discolored Water Grouping
- c. Salty, brackish.....Sodium, Chloride, Sulfate

4. **SMALL CHILDREN/BABIES IN HOME** Then—Have your water tested for:

Total & Fecal Coliform Bacteria
Lead, Nitrate, Nitrite
Fluoride

5. **NEW WELL**.... Then—Have your water tested for:

New Well Grouping

6. **OLDER WELL**..... Then—Have your water tested for:

Total & Fecal Coliform bacteria
Lead, Nitrate, Nitrite (FHA grouping)
Heavy Metals Group 1
Heavy Metals Group 2

7. **CORROSIVE WATER**Then—Have your water tested for:

Corrosivity/Langlier Index

Please go to the Shopping Cart page to order any of the tests or groups suggested above.
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