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Pennsylvania Department of Health and Penn State Extension to Provide Free Water Testing for a limited number of Private Wells, Springs, and Cisterns in Lackawanna County

Have you ever had the drinking water from your well, spring, or cistern tested for lead and other health-related pollutants? If not, here's your chance!

Penn State Extension has received funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Health cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control, Environmental Health Capacity building initiative (Grant #1NUE1EH001414-01-00) and with support from the Penn State Master Well Owner Network to provide no-cost drinking water testing to a limited number of homeowners in Lackawanna County using private water wells, springs, or cisterns.

Each water supply will receive testing through a PA DEP state accredited water testing laboratory for coliform bacteria, E.coli bacteria, nitrate, manganese, arsenic, lead, copper, barium, and sodium. Registration will be limited to approximately 35 households. Each household must own or rent a primary residence (no camps) in Lackawanna County that uses a private well, spring or cistern for a drinking water supply. Registrants are required to attend a one-hour initial webinar on April 26, 2022 at 4:00 pm ET to learn about the testing program. After attending the webinar, homeowners will be mailed a water testing kit. Optional follow-up webinars will be offered to provide interpretation of results and to answer questions. Registration and further information for this testing programs is available online at <https://extension.psu.edu/private-water-supply-education-and-water-testing-in-lackawanna-county> or by calling 1-877-345-0691.

If you have any questions about this no-cost testing program, contact Peter Wulfhorst at 570-296-3400 (phone) or ptw3@psu.edu (email).

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