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PRIVATE WATER WELL TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS

Coliform bacteria	Annually or before providing water to an infant under 6 months of age.
Nitrate/Nitrite	Annually or before providing water to an infant under 6 months of age.
VOC's	For wells that are located near a current or former commercial or industrial area, an above or below ground fuel tank (including gas stations), or landfills. Recommended especially if you have an old well or a shallow well. Recommend if the initial test shows no VOC's then resample every 3-6 years.
Pesticides	Recommended for shallow or old wells located close to areas of pesticide storage or use; areas such as sand plains. Recommend if the initial test shows no pesticides then resample every 3-6 years.
Radium	Primarily found in the northern 1/3 of Illinois. Contact your local health department if the MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) is exceeded.
Arsenic	Naturally occurring metal can be found in some industrial waste material. Contact your local health department if the MCL is exceeded