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Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Private drinking water well Test Project

Westford homeowners that have a private drinking water well have a limited opportunity to apply for free PFAS private drinking water well testing. The Health Department strives to obtain representative PFAS samples of private drinking water wells throughout the community.

Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), are a class of chemicals that are used to make products grease proof, waterproof, and stain resistant. The chemicals are considered “forever chemicals” that can cause many serious health problems. We can be exposed to PFAS through multiple sources including Food, Water, and Fabrics.

The Westford Select Board has approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for this project. There is a limit to the amount of testing available. This project is approved for 50 residential households.

Project Requirements:

- Applying for this project does not guarantee testing approval. This project is eligible for 50 Westford residential households only.
- All sample testing results and addresses will be considered public record and will be shared with the Westford Water Department.
- Residents will not be reimbursed for previous PFAS testing.
- The program is solely for private drinking water wells. Irrigation wells do not qualify.
- Approval will be determined by the Health Department based on the location of the applicant’s well and the proximity to other applicants.
- If approved, homeowners will be notified by phone, email, and by letter. You will have only 7 calendar days to respond, otherwise we will need to move on to the next applicant. If not approved, homeowners will be notified by letter.



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- Approved homeowners will receive notification that they can come pick up their chain of custody form, testing sample bottles, and sample directions from the Health Department. Residents will collect their samples and deliver their sample to the Nashoba analytical laboratory in Ayer, Ma., within 30 days of pickup.
- Any households that are found to have PFAS levels in their well will receive a remediation informational packet. Any exceedances of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) are not required to remediate, and it is the responsibility of the owner to remediate their well water system.

You can apply for this program by clicking on the link below. The Health Department will be receiving applications for this program until Friday February 7th, 2025. After this date, the department will begin reviewing all the applications.

[\(PFAS\) Private Drinking Water Well Test-Project Application](#)

Please send your application to the Health Department mailbox at health@westfordma.gov.

Please visit the Westford Health Department guidance website for more information on PFAS.

<https://westfordma.gov/1485/PFAS-Health-Guidance>

Please call the Westford Health Department regarding any questions at 978-692-5509.

Thank you,

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