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Private Wells Require Private Eyes

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For the more than 15 million American households that use private wells, water safety is a personal issue. EPA regulations that protect public drinking water don't apply to private systems. Private wells should be located away from septic systems, animal pens, and chemical storage areas. In addition, wells should be inspected every year for mechanical problems and cleanliness, and the water should be tested for the presence of bacteria or other contaminants. If you have a private well, it's up to you to make sure the water in your home is safe to drink. So schedule an annual well check up with a licensed well contractor or contact your local health department for more information.

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