

Virginia Household Water Quality Program: 2013 Drinking Water Clinics

Virginia Cooperative Extension Provides Affordable Water Testing and Interpretation for Wells and Springs

Summary

Affordable water testing and information about water quality and well and spring care and maintenance will be offered for homeowners through the Virginia Cooperative Extension office in Albemarle County/Charlottesville City this April. The goal of the Virginia Household Water Quality Program is to improve the water quality and health of Virginians with private water supplies, including wells, springs and cisterns. Drinking water clinics are held across the state to give people with private water systems access to affordable water testing, help interpreting their water test results, and information about possible treatment options.

How does it work?

Participants attend a short, evening *Kickoff Meeting*, where they receive information about how to collect water samples and a sampling kit. At this meeting, participants will be notified of a date, time, and location where they will drop off their water samples. At this collection point, the samples will be iced in coolers and taken to Virginia Tech for analysis. Once the analysis is complete, an *Interpretation Meeting* is held to distribute the results to each participant. At this meeting, water test results are explained, and information provided about possible treatment options participants may consider. If you are unable to attend the interpretation meeting, results will be mailed to you. For more information about these programs, visit: www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu.

What does the water test include?

Iron	Manganese	Sulfate	Hardness
Sodium	Copper	Nitrate	Arsenic
Fluoride	pH	Total Dissolved Solids	
Coliform bacteria	<i>E. coli</i> bacteria	Lead	

How much does it cost? **\$50.00** This payment covers the cost of testing one sampling kit.

Please register early! – space is limited to 150 sampling kits. **ONLY PREPAYMENT WILL RESERVE A TESTING KIT.**

Any unreserved kits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cash/Checks only. Make checks payable to: **Treasurer of Virginia Tech**

Mail to: Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, 460 Stagecoach Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22902

If you have any questions contact: Nancy Bishop at nancyb63@vt.edu

	Date and Time	Location
<u>Kickoff Meeting</u> <i>Receive sample kits, an introduction to the program, and instructions.</i>	April 9th 6:00 pm	1600 5th Street Ext - Room A <i>Albemarle County Office Building - 5th Street</i> <i>Enter the main entrance. Room A is to the left off of the lobby.</i>
<u>Sample Drop-off</u> <i>Drop off your sample bottles at a convenient location – we transport them to the lab.</i>	April 10th 7:30 – 9:00 am	1600 5th Street Ext Parking Lot
<u>Interpretation Meeting</u> <i>Receive your confidential results, information about taking care of your water system and dealing with any problems.</i>	May 15th 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Lane Auditorium <i>Albemarle County Office Building - McIntire located at the intersection of McIntire Road and Preston Avenue in downtown Charlottesville at 401 McIntire Rd</i>

All participant information is kept strictly confidential.



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