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2023 VCE - Virginia Household Water Quality Program Prince William Drinking Water Clinic

Do you know what's in your well water?

Public water supplies are tested daily for contaminants but most private water supplies, like wells, are rarely tested. Well owners are encouraged to test their water regularly to detect and correct problems early.

The [Virginia Household Water Quality Program \(VHWQP\)](#) tests water samples for iron, manganese, nitrate, lead, arsenic, fluoride, sulfate, pH, total dissolved solids, hardness, sodium, copper, total coliform bacteria, and E.coli bacteria.

Between 2012-2019 in Prince William County the most common well water quality issues identified included high sodium (45% of PWC samples) and total coliform bacteria (25% of PWC samples), and hard water (17% of PWC samples), 1.

2023 Testing is available for the low cost of \$65.

The Prince William Drinking Water Clinic has 3 parts:

1. **Attend a Kick-Off Meeting and Collect Testing Kit Materials**, select from 3 Kick-Off Options:

Option 1: In Person, Woodbridge: [Board Chambers](#): Monday April 10th 7-8:30 p.m.

Option 2: In Person, Manassas: [Jean McCoy Conference Room](#): Saturday April 8th 12-1:30 p.m.

Option 3: Online, through Zoom: Wednesday April 5th 11a.m. - 12p.m., this session will be recorded and available for later viewing, links for both will be emailed to registrants.

*test kits for this **online training option** *must* be picked up at [VCE-PW Office](#): April 10-11th 8a.m.-5p.m.

2. **The Sample Drop Off:** Wednesday, April 12th from **6:00-10 a.m. ONLY** at the [VCE-PW Office](#), 8033 Ashton Ave., Suite 105, Manassas 20109 (follow signs to office).

3. **Results Interpretation Meeting through (Zoom)** on Monday, May 22nd, 7:00-9:00 p.m. There will be a live Zoom interpretation meeting co-hosted by VCE Household Water Quality Coordinator Erin Ling and VCE-PW staff to explain the report, include a discussion, and answer questions. **Zoom link and details will be emailed to all registrants.**

The number of kits is limited. Pre-payment online is the only way to pay and guarantee you will get a kit. You must pay and register by March 31st. No refunds will be available.

Pay the \$65 fee and register online by going to: <https://tinyurl.com/VCE-PW-VAHWQP>

For more information, please email mastergardener@pwcgov.org or call 703-792-7747

Water Samples must be dropped off on Wednesday, April 12th, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10 AM at the VCE - Prince William Office, 8033 Ashton, Suite 105, Manassas, 20109.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Christina Hastings, Virginia Cooperative Extension-Prince William at 703-792-6285/TDD* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.