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Well Safety

HANFORD – The Kings County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Services would like to remind the public with residential private drinking water wells that, regardless of where storm runoff occurs causing flooding, contaminates such as animal waste, salt, pesticides and petroleum products can potentially impact drinking water. Contaminates may enter the well through gaps or cracks in the well head or casing due to flooding causing a risk to the water quality. For more information regarding what to do after your well has been flooded, please see US EPA What to Do With Your Private Well After a Flood <https://www.epa.gov/privatewells/what-do-your-private-well-after-flood>.

If you suspect that your well may be contaminated by from flood waters or another source, Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) can test for bacterial contamination. Sample bottles can be obtained from KCDPH. Instructions on how to sample will be provided at that time. Cost for a bacterial test is \$20.00 per sample.

Chemical releases and spills are common during floods. If you suspect or your water smells like fuel or has a chemical odor, you may want to have a chemical analysis of your water before using it. Please use bottled water or some other safe supply of water. Boiling or disinfecting water contaminated with toxic chemicals or fuels will not make it safe. Below is a list of local laboratories that can test for chemicals.

<p>BSK https://www.bskassociates.com/ 1414 Stanislaus Street Fresno, CA 93706 559.497.2888 800.877.8310</p>	<p>Dellavalle https://dellavallelab.com/environmental-services/ 1216 N. Douty (559) 584-8322 Hanford CA 93230 Well inspection services available</p>
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Moore Twining http://www.mooretwining.com/index.php 2527 Fresno St. Fresno CA 93721 Toll Free (800) 268-7021	Fruit Grower Laboratories, FGL http://www.fglinc.com/index.php 9415 W. Goshen Avenue Visalia, CA 93291 (559) 734-9473 FAX - (559) 734-8435
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