Directions for Sampling Your Drinking Water Well

In an effort to help you assess the quality of your drinking water, please follow the directions noted in this kit.

- Obtain a certified clean sample kit from EPA.

SUCCESS! You're holding the kit.

Disinfect and flush your well following Texas Commission on Environmental Quality directions included with this kit (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/gi/gi-432.html). If you need assistance disinfecting your well, please contact your county emergency operations center at xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Wait 24 hours before continuing with these directions.

- Make sure you have some ice ready to preserve your sample.

Take your time and go do that. We'll wait for you…

Now that you have disinfected and flushed your well, please follow the step by step directions below.

1. Turn on your water and let it run for 3 minutes.

2. After the 3 minutes, put on the included sterile gloves.

3. Open the smaller zip lock bag containing the 250 mL sample bottle.

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4. Take the bottle out and remove the cap.

5. Place the bottle under your running faucet (be careful not to touch the bottle opening to your faucet) and fill the sample bottle completely and cap it.

6. Place the sample bottle in the smaller zip lock bag.

7. Place the smaller bag in the larger zip lock and fill with ice.

8. Don't forget to turn off your water and take off the gloves.

9. Transport the sample to the EPA collection site within 2 hours.

10. Stick around to find out about your basic well water quality.

We will analyze your sample. You'll find out what your water's pH, conductivity, and nitrate concentrations are. Additionally, if you provide us with your contact information, we will provide you with your results.

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