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### Residents with wells that flooded should have them tested, says Public Health

As high water from recent heavy rains recede, residents with private wells that flooded should have their water tested for contamination, says Southwest Health District Environmental Health Director Dewayne Tanner.

Health departments in the district's 14 counties will test wells in flooded sites at no charge, he said.

"Now that the weather has cleared, we are seeing creek levels going back down and low-lying areas drying out," Tanner said. "We want to remind residents on private wells to have their water supply checked before drinking it. During floods, bacteria and debris can get carried into private wells, creating a health risk."

Until flooded well water has been tested and declared safe, residents should use bottled water or bring the well water to a full boil for two minutes and strain it before consuming it.

Tanner said it is not necessary for people using municipal water supplies to have their water tested.

"Private well owners should contact their county health department's environmental health services to arrange to have their water tested," Tanner said. "Fees will be waived for flooded sites."

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Baker	Calhoun	Colquitt	Decatur	Dougherty	Early	Grady
Lee	Miller	Mitchell	Seminole	Terrell	Thomas	Worth