



HOW TO INTERPRET YOUR LABORATORY RESULTS (FOR BACTERIA ONLY)

Bacterial testing does not provide information on the chemical water quality of your well water supply. If you are concerned about chemical contamination you can have your water tested by a private lab at your own expense. See the Yellow Pages in your telephone book or visit the Ministry of the Environment website at www.ene.gov.on.ca/ for a list of accredited laboratories.

Total Coliforms	E. coli	What It Means
0	0	Safe for drinking. Maintain regular testing.
1-5	0	One sample with this result is unsatisfactory. Resample.
0-5	0	Satisfactory if this range is achieved for 3 samples taken 1 -3 weeks apart.
6->80	0	Unsafe for drinking unless boiled or treated.
1->80	1->60	Unsafe for drinking unless boiled or treated.
EST		Unsafe for drinking unless boiled or treated.
O/G		Unsafe for drinking unless boiled or treated

Should you have any questions, please contact the Health Protection and Promotion Division at

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