PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

Many private supplies are at risk from contamination

Drinking contaminated water can cause serious illnesses

Harmful parasites (Cryptosporidium)

Harmful bacteria (VTEC)

VTEC patients are up to 4 times more likely to have consumed untreated private water

Is your wellhead sealed?

Can surface water get into the well?

Check your well
Ensure your health is not at risk

Check for any sources of pollution

1. Septic tanks
2. Slurry landspreading
3. Chemical storage
4. Fuel storage tanks

Test your well water at least once a year ideally following wet weather (treatment may be necessary if contaminated)

For more information
See the Protect your Well app on www.epa.ie to assess your own water supply

For more advice & grant information
Check with your local authority, your local environmental health officer or the EPA at www.epa.ie