

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

1,700
PUBLIC AND
COMMERCIAL
PREMISES

172,000
HOMES

get their water
from wells

Properly sited,
constructed and
maintained wells
are important to
reduce the risk of
contamination

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
times more
likely to have
consumed
untreated
private water

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Is your
wellhead
sealed?



STEP 1

CHECK YOUR WELL
Ensure your health
is not at risk

Can surface
water get
into the well?



STEP 2

CHECK FOR ANY SOURCES OF POLLUTION

**SEPTIC
TANKS**



1

**SLURRY
LANDSPREADING**



2

**CHEMICAL
STORAGE**



3

**FUEL
STORAGE TANKS**



4

STEP 3

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