

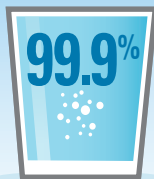
# Drinking Water Quality in Private Supplies 2018



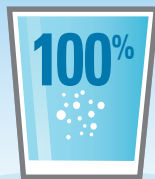
Almost  
**20%**

of Ireland's population is supplied by private water supplies, including household wells

**Water quality in regulated private water supplies is consistently poorer than public water supplies**



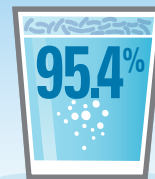
Public water supplies



Public group schemes



Private group schemes



Small private supplies

## Protecting private supplies

**Step 1:**  
Check your source

Is your wellhead sealed?



Can surface water get into the well?



Can animals get into the river, stream or spring?



## Step 2: Check for any sources of pollution

Septic tanks



1

Slurry landspreading



2

Chemical storage



3

Fuel storage tanks



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**Step 3:**  
Test the supply annually  
ideally following wet weather  
(treatment may be necessary  
if contaminated)

