

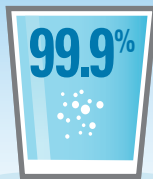
Drinking Water Quality in Private Supplies 2017



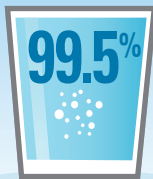
Almost
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of Ireland's population is supplied by private water supplies, including household wells

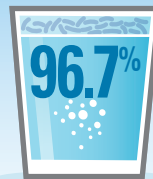
Water quality in regulated private water supplies is consistently poorer than public water supplies



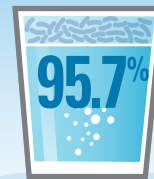
Public water supplies



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



Slurry landspreading



Chemical storage



Fuel storage tanks



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

