

WATER QUALITY



Putting Environmental Health Data into Action

Read and click on the links below to learn about ways to engage in water quality action.

TOP 3 RECOMMENDATIONS:

Individual: Learn about the sources and safety of your drinking water

Community: Encourage neighbors with private wells to test their well water annually

Structural: Build green infrastructure to reduce exposure to water pollution

INDIVIDUAL: Learn, act, and protect yourself

- To learn:
 - Sources and safety of your [drinking water](#)
 - Effects of [drinking water quality on human health](#)
 - If you own a well, learn the basics about [well maintenance](#)
- To do:
 - [Clean, disinfect, and maintain](#) all devices that use water, such as showerheads and portable humidifiers, to prevent exposure to waterborne germs in your home
 - Find the right [home water treatment](#)
 - Review the seven ways to be [#StormwaterSmartPA](#)
 - Use [garden and yard fertilizers](#) only when necessary
 - If you own a well, subscribe to the [Monthly Private Well Owner Tip Sheet](#)

COMMUNITY: Support your social networks

- Promote the [Introduction to Water Quality Standards](#) among environmental groups and the academic community
- Supply schools and child care facilities with the [3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities](#)
- Encourage neighbors with private wells to [test well water](#) annually and take the virtual [Private Well Class](#)

STRUCTURAL: Advocate for organizational & policy level change

- Build [green infrastructure](#) to reduce exposure to water pollution
- Call on all local municipalities to administer storm water management programs
- Expand [Pennsylvania Water Quality Network](#) fixed station water quality sampling stations to less populated, rural locations