

News for Group B Owners and Operators

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Holes in your wellheads?

Say hello to bugs, dirt and contamination in your water!

When water quality staff visited properties for sanitary surveys, 7 of 13 inspections in 2023 needed fixes. We noticed holes in wellheads from:

- Missing bolts.
- Broken electrical conduit.
- Unsecured junction box.
- Unscreened air vents.

These are easy maintenance fixes you can make to keep your well and the water in it safe.

Inspect your wellheads for open holes and seal them with silicon or electrical tape. Ensure your system is safe and compliant.

Questions? Email us at EHDDrinkingWater@tpchd.org.



Is saltwater seeping into your drinking water?

You can find out with our free water testing program. Our staff will visit your property to test your well for:

- Arsenic.
- Chloride.
- Saltwater intrusion.

To qualify you must:

1. Be a Pierce County resident living in the Key Peninsula.
2. Have a well.

We will be in your area on Tuesdays, now through June. You don't need to be home for us to test your water.

Sign up at tpchd.org/drinkingwater. You will receive your test results by email or mail.

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Stay well when you keep bacteria out of your water.

What's in your water? If bacteria like E. coli is at certain levels, it can make you sick with:

- Diarrhea.
- Vomiting.
- Kidney failure.

Make sure your well water is safe to drink and use. Test water annually for bacteria and every three years for nitrates.

Nitrates come from human and animal waste, fertilizers, and other sources. Drinking water with high levels of nitrates can be harmful, especially to infants and those who are pregnant. Long term exposure to nitrates can cause blue baby syndrome, which affects the blood's ability to carry oxygen.

Testing your water supply is a small investment to protect your community's health. If you find harmful levels of bacteria or nitrates, you can take simple steps to correct the issue—like disinfecting the well or conducting an inspection of you water system to ensure there are no potential problems.

Need help? Contact our staff at EHDDrinkingWater@tpchd.org to assist you.

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Keep drinking water safe for all users.

Update your well share agreement to help prevent future conflicts and ensure everyone knows their rights and responsibilities.

To update your well share agreement with your neighbors:

1. Schedule a meeting with everyone on the water system.
2. Review the current agreement. Identify areas you need to update.
3. Discuss the proposed changes and come to an agreement.
4. Draft a new agreement with any changes. Need an example of a well share agreement? We can send you templates, or you can consult an attorney to create a unique document that best fits your needs.
5. Sign and notarize the new agreement.
6. Record the agreement with the Auditors Office to all properties.
7. Email us a copy at EHDDrinkingWater@tpchd.org.

