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# Private Well PFAS Sampling Recommendations

Private well owners often ask whether and how often they should test their water for PFAS. MassDEP recommends that all private drinking water wells be tested for PFAS contamination, especially if the well is located within one to two miles of a known source of PFAS or of other water supplies where PFAS has been detected. MassDEP recommends that if after initial testing no PFAS is detected, well owners continue testing for PFAS once every 10 years. Also, they should contact their local Board of Health for any local testing requirements for private wells.

For more info, see our FAQ on private wells and PFAS <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas-in-private-well-drinking-water-supplies-faq>

The FAQ includes information about treatment options and treatment backwash disposal concerns.

Applications are due December 15<sup>th</sup> for the [Small System PFAS Grant Program](#). \$1.05M total is being offered in grants to public or private PWSs serving less than 3300 users to reimburse or pay for new long-term treatment of PFAS in water supplies that have an exceedance of the PFAS6 MCL.