

CHARGES

Under The Private Water Supplies Regulations 2009 the Local Authority is required to charge the relevant person(s).

- ◆ At present the visit and sampling charge is £60 plus analysis costs
- ◆ An hourly rate will be charged for risk assessments, investigations and authorisations. For more information on charges please contact the Environmental Protection Service.

Good quality water is important to everyday life. The Council has a duty to ensure water is fit for drinking. The Regulations require the Local Authority to sample and analyse the water and can require action to be taken to ensure the water is safe to drink.



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Private Water Supplies Information Leaflet



THE REGULATIONS

The Private Water Supplies Regulations 1991 have been replaced by The Private Water Supplies Regulations 2009.

- ◆ A private water supply is any supply of drinking water not provided by a licensed water company eg. Severn Trent.
- ◆ A private water supply could serve just one property or it could be a larger supply serving several properties.
- ◆ The water may come from a spring, well, borehole, pond, river, canal, or collection of rain water.

CLASSIFICATION OF SUPPLIES

- ◆ **Commercial & Large Supplies (over 50 people):**
A risk assessment must be completed once every five years and sampling by the Council at least once per year depending on volumes of water used.



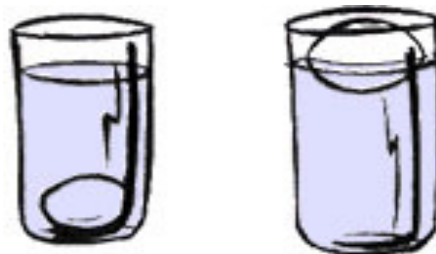
- ◆ **Small Supplies (less than 50 people more than one property):** A risk assessment must be completed once every five years including appropriate sampling. This could be more frequently depending on the risk assessment.



- ◆ **Single Property Supplies (one property only with no commercial element):** Sampling and risk assessment is only undertaken by request of the owner/occupier of the property.
- ◆ **Private Distribution Systems:** Where mains water is distributed through a pipe network which is not the responsibility of the water provider so is 'privately' owned, such as those sometimes found on caravan and campsites, shopping centres, private estates, etc. These systems have not previously been subject to regulation. A risk assessment is required once every five years as well as appropriate sampling to ensure the quality of the water.

WHAT IS A RISK ASSESSMENT?

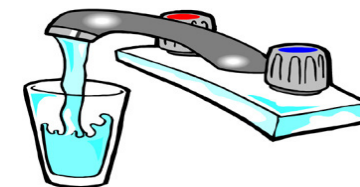
A risk assessment is a survey of the source of the supply and surrounding area to see if any contamination is possible. It also involves looking at any storage tanks, treatment systems and pipework. This will identify any actual and potential hazards that may affect the health of those drinking the water. The Council can require action to be taken to ensure the supply is safe to drink.



WHERE ARE THE SAMPLES

TAKEN FROM?

The sample will normally be taken from a tap used to supply water for drinking or cooking.



The sampling regime will partly be determined by the risk assessment, as will the type of samples taken. The results of sampling will help determine if any improvements to the supply/system are required.

WHAT SORT OF IMPROVEMENTS

MIGHT BE NEEDED?



- ◆ Fencing off the source to ensure animals can not enter and contaminate area
- ◆ Improving drainage around the supply
- ◆ Replacement of pipework
- ◆ Improvements to holding tanks

The installation of filters to remove or lower the level of a particular substance may be required eg.

- ◆ Ultra Violet filters to remove bacteria
- ◆ Reverse Osmosis filters to remove aluminium or nitrate
- ◆ Cation Exchange filters to remove lead