

Summary of the Private Water Supplies Regulations 2016 (as amended):

These Regulations apply to all private water supplies intended for human consumption (e.g. drinking, cooking, food preparation, washing and toilet flushing) and water used for food preparation purposes. These supplies include:-

- a) water from a well or borehole or spring, which is supplied from someone other than a Water Undertaker or Licensed water supplier, and
- b) water supplied by a Water Undertaker or Licensed water supplier, which is then further distributed by another person (a “private distribution network”).

Register your private water supply

Under the auspices of the Regulations, all users of new or reinstated private water supplies must register them with the Local Authority.

To register, please e-mail your contact details, a brief description of the supply and its location to:

environmental.health@stroud.gov.uk or via 01453 754478

Requirement for water supply risk assessment and sampling

The Regulations require the Local Authority to carry out a risk assessment of every relevant supply in the District. This involves a survey of the source of the supply and surrounding area to see if any contamination is possible. It includes checking any storage tanks, treatment systems and pipework associated with the supply. This will identify any actual and potential hazards that may affect the health of those drinking the water and what action is needed to mitigate those hazards.

The following lists the requirements for each type of supply in relation to risk assessment and sampling:-

Single Private Dwellings – with no commercial element. These do not require routine monitoring or a risk assessment. However, a sample or risk assessment can be undertaken on request.

Small Domestic Supplies – a supply that serves less than 50 people and more than one property, with no commercial element. A risk assessment must be completed once every 5 years, including appropriate sampling. This could become more frequent depending on the findings of the risk assessment. The sampling will include 7 basic parameters and anything else identified in the risk assessment.

Commercial & Large Supplies – a risk assessment must be completed every 5 years and sampling of Group A and Group B parameters must be undertaken at least annually, depending on the amount of water supplied.

Private Distributions Systems – a risk assessment including appropriate sampling must be completed every 5 years. This could become more frequent depending on the findings of the

risk assessment.

Fees and charges for private water supply services

The following table shows the basic fees and services available. Please note that all costs are subject to VAT and that the analysis costs are subject to variation depending on the risk assessment and other mitigating factors.

Service	Basic Charge
Risk Assessments	
Risk Assessment & Review (per assessment)	Hourly rate £46 (maximum £500)
Single Domestic Supplies Risk Assessment (per assessment)	Hourly rate £46
Sampling Costs	
Sampling visit cost	£67
Investigation	£100
Granting an authorisation	£100
Sample Analysis Costs	
Group A sampling	£42
Group B sampling	£70.60
Pesticides	£91.20
Regulation 10 sampling	£14.30

Good quality water is important to everyday life. In the event of failure or a risk assessment where the supply is found to be unwholesome or a potential danger to human health, the Council will require improvements to be made - a Notice may also be served. Failure to comply with a Notice can result in prosecution in a Magistrates' Court.

For further information regarding private water supplies, please contact Miss Lesley Swain (Environmental Protection Officer) - tel: (01453) 754485.