



# COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY Environmental Health Services

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## Water Testing Guidance

### I Want To:

- Test my **private well** in accordance with Health Department recommendations  
OR
- Test a well serving a small food facility (cottage food, B&B etc. )  
OR
- Test my private well for **sign off on a building permit**

- Test my well(s) for a **Parcel or Tract Map** condition

*(Reference Conditions of Approval from your Planning Department Hearing)*

Test for: **GROUP 1 and GROUP 2**

- Test my **newly constructed** well

Test for: **GROUP 1, and GROUP 2, and GROUP 3**

Test for: **GROUP 1**

GROUP 1	
Chemicals	Max Levels mg/L
Aluminum	1.
Antimony	0.006
Arsenic	0.010
Barium	1.
Beryllium	0.004
Cadmium	0.005
Chromium	0.05
Cyanide	0.15
Fluoride	2.0
Mercury	0.002
Nickel	0.1
Nitrate+Nitrite (sum as nitrogen)	10.
Nitrite (as nitrogen)	1.
Perchlorate	0.006
Selenium	0.05
Thallium	0.002
Bacteria	

GROUP 2	
Chemicals	Max Levels mg/L
Aluminum	0.2 mg/L
Color	15 Units
Copper	1.0 mg/L
Foaming Agents (MBAS)	0.5 mg/L
Iron	0.3 mg/L
Manganese	0.05 mg/L
Odor-Threshold	3 Units
Silver	0.1 mg/L
Turbidity	5 Units
Zinc	5.0 mg/L
Total Dissolved Solids	1,000 mg/L
Specific Conductance	1,600 µS/cm
Chloride	500 mg/L
Sulfate	500 mg/L

GROUP 3	
Chemical	Max Level mg/L
Boron	