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Torrington Area Health District Water Fair
Free Private Well Testing & Information

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH), in conjunction with the Torrington Area Health District, is conducting a Private Well Water Fair at our Main office on November 8, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. CT DPH will be distributing information on private well testing and free testing kits to private well owners. The free test kits will allow homeowners to collect a sample from their private well, which will be analyzed for two naturally occurring metals: arsenic and uranium. The samples will be analyzed by the CT DPH Laboratory.

"A recent report published by the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Public Health revealed that water from some private wells across the state have registered high levels of arsenic and uranium. As part of the joint research project, it was determined that seven percent of the private well samples tested at levels higher than Maximum Contaminant Levels for arsenic or uranium" said Ryan Tetreault, CT DPH Private Well Program supervisor. "These metals have no taste or odor so the only way to know if either toxic metal is present is to have your private well water tested." This water fair is a good way for area well owners to find out more information about the quality of their drinking water.

This water fair is part of a statewide project funded by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to educate private well owners and users about the need to regularly test private drinking water wells.

Private well owners can bring a photo of their well cap and any past water testing results and have our professionals look at them for possible problems. Sampling containers will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Please do not bring your own water sample to the session. You will have the opportunity to collect your sample and return it the same night or within one week from the date of the event. The water samples will be analyzed and test reports obtained from the CT DPH laboratory in Rocky Hill. Also, the CT DPH Private Well Program will provide a follow up report with an explanation of the test results to all participants.

The water fair will take place in the 1st floor meeting room from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Torrington Area Health District main office located at 350 Main Street Torrington, CT 06790. For more information about the water fair, call the CT DPH Private Well Program at 860-509-7296 or the Torrington Area Health District at 860 489-0436.

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