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**Stoughton Private Well Testing Guideline**

The Board of Health of the Town of Stoughton adopted regulations pertaining to private wells which include items such as construction parameters, registration and testing/water quality guidelines. The Board recommends retesting private potable wells at least every three years, but annual testing is preferable to detect any changes in water quality. When tested by a Massachusetts Certified Laboratory, private wells shall meet the following standards:

<b>PARAMETER</b>	<b>LIMIT NOT TO BE EXCEEDED</b>
Coliform	
Color	15 Units
Turbidity	5 Units
Odor and Taste Free of Odor and Taste	Good
PH	6.5-8.5
Chloride	250 mg/1
Total Iron	0.3 mg/1
Sodium (guideline)	20 mg/1
Manganese	.05 mg/1
Sulfate	250 mg/1
Magnesium	125 mg/1
Total Hardness	100 mg/1
Nitrogen-Ammonia	0.1 mg/1
Nitrogen-Nitrite	1 mg/1
Nitrogen-Nitrate	10mg/1
Free Carbon Dioxide	50 mg/1
Copper	1.0 mg/1
Lead	0.05 mg/1
Arsenic	0.05 mg/1
Alkalinity	0.05 mg/1
Calcium	150 mg/1

\*Lab will also test VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) levels

The Board of Health does not make recommendations on which Massachusetts Certified Laboratory to use for private well testing but the following are some local labs that can be contacted for well testing services:

**Analytical Balance Corp.**  
**422 West Grove St.**  
**Middleborough, MA 02346**  
**508-946-2225**

**G&L Laboratories**  
**246 Arlington St.**  
**Quincy , MA 02170**  
**617 328-3663**

**GeoLabs Inc.**  
**45 Johnson Ln.**  
**Braintree, MA 02184**  
**781-848-7844**

**EnviroTech**  
**8 Jan Sebastian**  
**Sandwich, MA 02563**  
**508-888-6460**