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Well Water Wisdom

(NAPSA)—Having a well can seemingly offer greater control over a homeowner's water source. Yet all wells draw from migrating underground water sources, which are subject to pollution. Homeowners with private wells have to assume command of the



If you have a well, it's important to test your water regularly.

supply and not just the in-house water distribution system. That means water samples have to periodically be sent to a qualified lab for purity testing. The lab can suggest remedial measures, if needed.

Homeowners should also inspect and maintain the system that controls the volume and pressure of the water supply, say the experts at HouseMaster, leaders in the home inspection industry.

Submersible well pumps are common today. If you have one, it's important to maintain the protective air pocket in the tank or risk having to replace the pump prematurely. To check, open a faucet and note the time between pump start and stop. If it cycles on and off frequently, follow tank maintenance instructions or call a professional well service.

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