



# Well Owners Network Newsletter

## Special Edition

Water Systems Council and the  
wellcare® Well Owners Network  
are making a splash into

**National Drinking Water Week!**

**May 1 - 7, 2011**

### **HAVE YOUR WELL WATER TESTED...IT'S NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK!**

To keep your drinking water safe and your well operating at peak performance, annual water testing and well inspections are essential. As a private well owner you are responsible for the quality of your drinking water and maintaining your well system. WSC provides the following recommendations for water testing and well inspection.

At a minimum, test your water every year for bacteria. Other tests may be required, depending on where you live and what is located near your drinking water supply. For example, if your well is in an area of intensive agricultural use, you may want to test for nitrates and pesticides.

Testing more than once a year is advised for special situations such as someone in your household is pregnant or nursing; you notice a change in water, taste, odor or color or if there is a spill of chemicals/fuels into or near your well.



### **HERE'S A SPECIAL DEAL FOR WELL CARE® WELL OWNERS NETWORK MEMBERS!**

In celebration of National Drinking Water Week, several national laboratories are offering discounts on their water testing kits just for you! Contact the wellcare® Hotline at 888-395-1033 for more information.

***Hurry offer expires May 31st, 2011!!***

Contact your local or state health department or environmental agency or the wellcare® Hotline for guidance in selecting water tests and obtaining a list of state certified laboratories in your area.

Inspect your wellhead, the area around your well and check the well covering, casing and well cap to make sure all are in good condition. Contact a qualified water well contractor if repairs are needed and every 10 years for a thorough well inspection. If you need assistance in locating a well contractor, contact your state groundwater, water well or well driller's association.

For more information on wells and well water visit our website at  
[www.watersystemscouncil.org/infoSheets.php](http://www.watersystemscouncil.org/infoSheets.php).

## **It's Free!**

Keep track of your well records in a **FREE** wellcare® Folder.  
Contact the wellcare® Hotline at  
**888-395-1033**

Join us for our **1<sup>st</sup> Webinar for Well Owners**  
on **May 25 & 26, 2011 @ 2:00-3:00 PM EST**  
Pre-registration required.

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