



DO I NEED MY WATER TESTED?

Drinking Water

Private Well

Contact an Alabama Department of Environmental Management certified lab for a chemical screening.

Contact the Auburn University Soil, Forage and Water Testing Laboratory for an educational screening of your water.

Contact the Alabama Department of Public Health for microbial analysis.

Public Utility

View your water provider's annual Consumer Confidence Report.

Water for Other Uses

Irrigation Water

Do you have row crops? A water analysis may not be needed. Contact the Auburn University Soil, Forage & Water Testing Lab with questions.

Do you have fruit and vegetable crops? Consider microbial analysis.

Contact the ACES AgWaterSafety Program for testing options.

Livestock Water

Test parameters such as Total Dissolved Solids and Nitrate-N at the Auburn University Soil, Forage & Water Testing Lab.

Do you have algal blooms? Contact your regional Forestry, Wildlife and Natural Resources Extension agent.

Auburn University-based cyanopros.com is also a resource.

Pond Water

Contact your regional Forestry, Wildlife and Natural Resources Extension agent.

Interested in liming recommendations? Visit aces.edu for steps to collect a sample.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a certified drinking water lab?

A certified drinking water lab is one that must use approved methods of testing and pass periodic inspections.

Can the Auburn University Soil, Forage & Water Testing Lab analyze my drinking water?

The short answer is yes; however, the AU Soil, Forage & Water Testing Lab is not a certified drinking water lab, and its tests should be treated as screening tools only. Seek appropriate testing for home consumption at a certified laboratory. See the Do I Need My Water Tested? handout for where to find a certified lab.

I have concerns regarding my water, but I have public water, not a private well. What should I do?

Review the annual Consumer Confidence Report that is required from your water provider. This report notifies customers every year of the levels of regulated contaminants found in the water. If you still have concerns after reading the Consumer Confidence Report, you can reach out to your water supplier.

Should I test my livestock water?

If you are concerned about contamination in your livestock water, seek testing at the Auburn University Soil, Forage & Water Testing Lab. High levels of nitrate and total dissolved solids can harm livestock. More information is available at www.aces.edu.

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