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Water Supply Requirements for Cal Code & Cottage Food Operations

Water used in Cal Code and Cottage Food preparation must be potable. Food preparation activities are defined as:

- Washing and sanitizing of equipment used in the preparation of a cottage food product.
- Washing and sanitizing of hands and arms.
- Water used as an ingredient.

In order to ensure the potability of water, the following minimum standards are required:

Permit Requirements:

- Cal Code and Cottage Food Operations using an approved domestic water well are required to obtain a Cal Code Water Supply Permit through this office and meet all water quality testing requirements.
- The domestic water well must meet current well construction standards including: a minimum 20' sanitary seal and an intact surface seal (*concrete pad*).

Testing Requirements:

- If your water source is supplied by a Public Water System, there will be no water testing requirement. Please contact this office if you are unsure whether you are being served by a Public Water System.
- If you are on a domestic water well, the water supplied will be subject to the minimum water quality standards required for Transient Non Community Public Water Systems in Yolo County which are as follows:
 - **Initial Testing:** The testing results for the following constituents shall be submitted for review during the permit application:
 - Bacteriological (*Total Coliform & E. coli*)
 - Nitrate
 - Nitrite
 - Fluoride
 - Secondary Standards & General Minerals
 - **Ongoing Testing:** The following constituents will be required to be routinely monitored:
 - Bacteriological, *quarterly (minimum)*
 - Nitrate*
 - Nitrite*

**Testing frequencies will be determined based on initial results.*

For Cottage Food Operations: *If test results exceed the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for any one contaminant:* Another approved source (e.g. bottled water) will be required for any use of water as an ingredient in any food products.

All water quality tests must be conducted by a laboratory certified for drinking water analyses in California through the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). Please refer to the Yolo County Environmental Health website <http://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/environmental-health-services> for a list of certified laboratories.