



Placer County Department of Health & Human Services Environmental Health Division – Drinking Water Program

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PRIVATE WELL - FOOD FACILITY - TESTING AGREEMENT

Cottage Food Operators and Small Food Processors with permits from Placer County Environmental Health are considered food facilities which are regulated under the California Retail Food Code. This code requires that a food facility have a potable water supply. Food facilities who receive their water from a public water supplier are in compliance with this requirement. Public water suppliers conduct routine water quality testing and are regulated by state and local government agencies. Therefore, no further action is required on behalf of the food facility to demonstrate the potability of their water supply.

Alternatively, a food facility with a water supply from a private domestic well must regularly conduct water quality testing in order to demonstrate that the water is potable. California Retail Food Code has defined potable water as water that complies with the standards for transient non-community water systems pursuant to the California Safe Drinking Water Act. To meet these requirements the water must be tested by a certified laboratory quarterly for bacteria, annually for nitrate and triennially for nitrite. Please review the requirements below then sign and return this agreement.

Water Quality Monitoring Requirements

1. The private water supply shall be tested by a certified laboratory for the following:
 - a. Bacteria (Total Coliform and E. coli) – Once every calendar quarter
 - b. Nitrate – Once every year
 - c. Nitrite – Once every three years
2. Final laboratory reports shall be submitted to Environmental Health within 30 days of testing

California Retail Food Code

(California Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 7)

- “Potable Water” means water that complies with the standards for transient non-community water systems pursuant to the California Safe Drinking Water Act (Section 113869)
- A food facility is required to provide an adequate, protected, pressurized, and potable supply of water from an approved water supply system (Section 114192)
- Placer County Environmental Health is authorized to monitor and enforce the potable drinking water standards in the California Safe Drinking Water Act for purposes of enforcement and compliance with any requirements in regard to potable water (Section 114189)

Declaration

Name of Permitted Food Facility _____

I, _____, certify that I am aware of the requirements pertaining
Print Name of Owner or Legal Representative
to the private water supply serving the food facility listed above. Furthermore, I understand that failure to
comply with water quality monitoring and reporting may result in permit invalidation or other enforcement actions.

Signature of Owner or Legal Representative

Date

DISCLOSURE: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with this chapter may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.