

Homeowner Drinking Water Packages



218 North Main Street, Culpeper, VA 22701
Phone: (540) 825-6660 • Fax: (540) 825-4961
www.ess-services.com
Email: info@ess-services.com

Package **A** : \$75 *\$115 on Friday 10% savings

- ♦ *Bacteria: Total coliform and E. Coli*
- ♦ *Mineral: pH, Iron, Manganese, Hardness, and Alkalinity*

This package is recommended for families that would like a general screening for potential water quality issues. The bacteria test will determine if your water is potable. The mineral test will help identify non-health related issues associated with staining, taste, and odor.

For this package you will need*:

- ♦ Sterile bottle and instructions provided by ESS
- ♦ 500 ml of sample



Package **B** : \$125 *\$160 on Friday 15% savings

- ♦ *Includes Package A tests*
- ♦ *Metals: Lead and Copper*

This package is recommended for families living in an older home (built prior to 1986) where the plumbing contains lead and/or copper.

For this package you will need*:

- ♦ Sterile bottle and instructions provided by ESS
- ♦ 1 Liter of sample

Package **C** : \$195 *\$230 on Friday 15% savings

- ♦ *Includes all tests from both Packages A and B*
- ♦ *Chemistry: Nitrite, Nitrate, and Fluoride*

This package is recommended for families with newborns or small children.



For this package you will need*:

- ♦ Sterile bottle and instructions provided by ESS
- ♦ 2 Liters of sample



Additional fees will be applied to all RUSH requests and/or FRIDAY sample submittals.

Package **D : \$540 *\$570 on Friday**
20% savings

- ◆ Includes all tests from Packages **A**, **B**, and **C**
- ◆ Additional Metals tests: Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Mercury, Selenium, and Silver
- ◆ Additional Chemistry tests: Total Dissolved Solids and Volatile Organic Compounds

This package is recommended for families living near a junkyard, landfill, or factory. It is also recommended for families that have recently moved to the area and are new to well water.



For this package you will need*:

- ◆ Sterile bottle and instructions provided by ESS
- ◆ 2 Liters of sample
- ◆ 3 VOA Vials (with acid preservative)



**Homeowner Drinking Water
FAQ**

How frequently should I test my water?

The EPA recommends water be tested every year for total coliform bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids and pH levels. This is especially true if a new well has been installed, pipes have been replaced, or there are repaired pumps or well casings.

Can I add additional tests to a package?

Yes, additional testing is available upon request and a package can be customized to fit certain needs.

When and how should I return my samples?

Samples should be delivered to the lab on ice as soon as possible, but certainly **within 24 hours of collection**. Please deliver Monday through Thursday by 4 pm. Samples delivered on Friday will be surcharged. Holiday samples may also be surcharged.

I've noticed a change in my water but it has not been a full year since the last time I got my water tested, should I have it tested again?

Yes, if there is a change in the way that the water tastes, smells, its color or clarity, then it should be tested again even if it has not been a full year since testing.

Are there any special instructions on how I should take my water samples?

Yes, additional instructions will be provided in order to receive a proper test sample.

How long does it take to receive results?

The bacteria test results are available the next business day. The remainder of the results can take up to 5-10 business days depending on what package you choose.

Who should I contact if I have any further questions?

Should there be any further questions, please call (540) 825-6660 or visit www.ess-services.com for more information.

Additional Services Provided by ESS

- ✓ Storm Water Compliance
- ✓ Industrial Water and Wastewater
- ✓ Operations and Maintenance (water and wastewater systems)
- ✓ Equipment Services
- ✓ Permit and Monitoring
- ✓ Consulting and Environmental Studies
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Environmental Laboratory (performs chemical, microbiological, and bacteriological analyses)

For more information regarding sample collection, water/well system check, servicing and installing water pumps and water treatment equipment, water system controls, and water line maintenance, please call or visit:



(a division of ESS)
Culpeper, VA (540) 825-2781
www.countrywatersystems.com

Additional Resources:

VA Department of Environmental Quality
www.deq.state.va.us

VA Department of Health
www.vdh.state.va.us

Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov

American Water Works Association
www.awwa.org

Virginia Water Environment Association
www.vwea.org

Food and Drug Administration
www.fda.gov

Food Safety and Inspection Services
www.fsis.usda.gov

United States Department of Agriculture
www.usda.gov