

Jones County has a lower-risk groundwater profile. Manganese is detected in ~67% of wells, driven by geological sources. Contamination is often invisible — testing is the only way to confirm your well's safety.

N/A

HOUSEHOLDS ON  
PRIVATE WELLS

Varies

PRIMARY  
AQUIFER TYPE

LOW

OVERALL  
RISK LEVEL

## YOUR TOP WATER QUALITY RISKS

| CONTAMINANT | HOW COMMON       | RISK LEVEL   | SOURCE & CONTEXT                                                                |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Manganese*  | ~67% of wells    | Moderate     | Geological — Found in reducing aquifer zones alongside iron                     |
| PFOA        | ~12% above limit | High         | Industrial — Firefighting foam and industrial manufacturing discharge           |
| PFOS        | ~12% above limit | High         | Industrial — Firefighting foam and industrial discharge                         |
| Nitrate     | ~100% of wells   | Low-Moderate | Agricultural — Fertilizer, manure, and septic systems leaching into groundwater |
| Pfhxs       | ~6% of wells     | Low          |                                                                                 |

\* Secondary standard — an aesthetic limit for taste, odor, or staining. Not a health-based EPA limit.

## WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Order a water test.**  
Test for Manganese, PFOA, PFOS, Nitrate, coliform bacteria. Bacteria annually; others every 3–5 years.
- Get your free county report.**  
See full data, treatment options, and certified labs at <https://yourwaterreport.com/states/ga/jones-county/>
- Upload your lab results.**  
We'll interpret them, flag anything above limits, and recommend next steps — free.

## KNOW YOUR WELL

Well age / year drilled

Last water test date

Treatment systems installed

Well driller / service contact

## WHAT YOUR RESULTS MEAN

Use this to interpret your lab report — match the contaminant to your result.

| IF YOUR TEST SHOWS    | WHAT IT MEANS                             | CONSIDER                                |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Bacteria detected     | Immediate concern                         | Shock chlorination; add UV system       |
| Manganese > 0.05 mg/L | Aesthetic + health concern at high levels | Oxidation + filtration system           |
| PFOA detected         | Health advisory level                     | Reverse osmosis filter                  |
| PFOS detected         | Health advisory level                     | Reverse osmosis filter                  |
| Nitrate > 10 mg/L     | EPA limit exceeded — risk for infants     | RO filter; avoid for bottle-fed infants |

## WHO SHOULD USE THIS

- Homeowners on private wells — not covered by public water testing
- Home buyers doing due diligence before closing
- Families with infants, elderly, or immunocompromised members
- Anyone who hasn't tested their well in the past 3 years

## LOCAL RESOURCES

## Private Wells - Cumming Utilities

<https://cummingutilities.com/our-system/water-lab/private-well-water/>

## Full county report

<https://yourwaterreport.com/states/ga/jones-county/>

Free personalized well water report at

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Data: EPA ECHO · USGS NWIS · Water Quality Portal · U.S. Census ACS  
For informational purposes only. Contact a licensed professional for testing and treatment.