

Putnam County has an elevated risk profile. Sulfate is detected in ~100% of wells, driven by geological sources. Contamination is often invisible — testing is the only way to confirm your well's safety.

11%HOUSEHOLDS ON
PRIVATE WELLS**Varies**PRIMARY
AQUIFER TYPE**ELEVATED**OVERALL
RISK LEVEL**YOUR TOP WATER QUALITY RISKS**

CONTAMINANT	HOW COMMON	RISK LEVEL	SOURCE & CONTEXT
Sulfate*	~100% of wells	Moderate	Geological — Natural dissolution from gypsum and sulfate minerals
Nitrate	~100% of wells	Low–Moderate	Agricultural — Fertilizer, manure, and septic systems leaching into groundwater
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Hardness*	~100% of wells	Low–Moderate	Geological — Dissolved calcium and magnesium from aquifer minerals
Ph*	~100% of wells	Low–Moderate	Geological — Aquifer mineral chemistry; low pH accelerates pipe corrosion

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

WHAT TO DO NEXT

- 1 Order a water test.**
Test for Sulfate, Nitrate, Nitrate, Hardness, coliform bacteria. Bacteria annually; others every 3–5 years.
- 2 Get your free county report.**
See full data, treatment options, and certified labs at <https://yourwaterreport.com/states/ga/putnam-county/>
- 3 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
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/putnam-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.