Well water in Lampasas County, Texas

Risk Unknown Too few health tests to rate. Based on 16 wells tested. Confidence: Low. Top concerns: Iron, Sodium.

What tests found

SUBSTANCE	TESTED	OVER THE LIMIT	RISK
Everyday water problems			
Hardness	35 wells	97%	**Very common**
Iron	16 wells	12%	**Common**
Sodium	9 wells	11%	**Common**
Chloride	9 wells	11%	**Common**
Sulfate	9 wells	11%	**Common**

Low risk here: Arsenic, Nitrate, Lead, Fluoride.

Rarely over the taste level here: pH, Manganese.

Tested in too few wells to rate: Uranium. The county page has every result.

What this means

Iron: Iron leaves orange or brown stains on sinks, toilets and laundry, can make water taste metallic, and can clog pipes and fixtures. It is not a health risk. A water softener handles small amounts; an iron filter handles more.

Sodium: Sodium makes water taste salty. It matters most for people on a low-salt diet; a water softener also adds sodium. Reverse osmosis at the kitchen tap removes it.

What to test for

Make sure the test covers iron and sodium. Test for bacteria and nitrate every year.

Only a test can tell you what is in your own well. A well next door can be different.

Where to get a test

Free or low-cost testing:

- The Texas Well Owner Network, run by Texas A&M AgriLife, holds well water screenings in different counties through the year. It checks for bacteria (total coliform and E. coli) and nitrate, usually for $15 a sample and sometimes for free. Ask your county AgriLife Extension office when the next one is near you.

Certified labs near Lampasas County:

- Environmental Monitoring Lab, Llano · 325-247-3295 · about 40 miles
- Upper Leon River Municipal Water District, Comanche · 254-879-2228 · about 53 miles

Local help

Phone numbers and addresses: dshs.texas.gov

In Texas, when land that will use wells is divided into lots, the developer must have the groundwater tested (bacteria, nitrate, salts, iron and more) before the plat is approved, unless the county waives it.

YourWaterReport is a free guide for private well owners. Results are for the county as a whole and come from Texas Water Development Board, U.S. Geological Survey and National Water Quality Monitoring Council. Want copies with your organization's name for your office or clients? Email hello@yourwaterreport.com. Free web card for your site: yourwaterreport.com/share