



# Water Safety Information

## Free water testing kits available

The Washoe County Health District is providing free water testing kits to help determine if bacteria exists in private wells of Lemmon Valley residents.

Starting Friday, March 10, residents impacted by flooding can pick up the free kits at Ranchers Feed and Supply on 60 E. Surge Street, at the corner of Surge Street and Lemmon Drive and at the Social Services Mobile Command post at Lemmon Valley Drive and Pompe Way.

Each kit has directions on how to submit the sample for testing. That includes mailing it to the State lab or dropping it off at 1660 N Virginia St, Reno, near the University of Nevada, Reno and Fleischmann Planetarium & Science Center. [See Flood Health and Safety Information](#) at the Health District website at [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health). Residents only need to fill out the paperwork and submit the sample container to the lab.

WCHD will notify residents of the results as they become available and will work with individual residents to treat or evaluate well conditions based on received results.

## Health FAQs

**Question:** Is the water safe to drink in Lemmon Valley?

**Answer:** The Public Water System is safe. We cannot attest to private wells which may be impacted by flood water. Free water testing kits are available at tonight's Lemmon Valley community meeting at North Valleys High School at 6 p.m. and beginning Friday at Ranchers Feed and Supply.

**Q:** Are we recommending all domestic well owners test their water?

**A:** WCHD recommends all private well owners test their private wells on a regular basis.

**Q:** Are we recommending that all domestic well owners boil their water until it's tested?

**A:** If a homeowner believes their well is impacted by flood water or high groundwater it is recommended they boil their water until such time as it is tested and results are received. If a resident has questions about the safe water for drinking and cooking, [information is available online](#) on the Health District website at [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health).

**Q:** What other health dangers are present due to standing water?

**A:** Submerged materials, floating debris, failed septic system wastes animal wastes, and potential household hazardous materials which were on individuals properties and may have been impacted by flood water.

**Q:** Are our Flood Health & Safety Information recommendations on the website all still valid?

**A:** Yes

