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### **Free Water Testing For Residents of Grant County**

**Grant County, NM** -- The New Mexico Environment Department and the New Mexico Department of Health will offer free water testing for residents of Mimbres, Bayard, Silver City and surrounding communities of Grant County with private wells serving homes *not* connected to a public water utility. Water testing will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mimbres Harvest Festival, San Lorenzo Elementary School Cafeteria, 2655 Hwy 35 North, San Lorenzo, NM, 88041.

#### **How to Collect the Water Sample:**

- Use a clean glass or plastic container that does not have a strong odor (at least a liter).
- Collect the sample before any water treatment/filters such as R.O. or water softener.
- Let the water run a couple of minutes before collecting and collect the sample as close to the time of testing as possible.

If available, please provide well depth, depth to water, well casing material and distance from well to the nearest septic tank/leachfield system.

Drinking water will be tested on site for the following parameters: Arsenic, Electrical Conductivity, Fluoride, Iron, Manganese, Nitrate, pH and Sulfate.

For further information contact: 505-222-9574.

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