



TAOS WATER QUALITY TESTING PROVIDED *FREE* OF CHARGE



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Taos Soil and Water Conservation District and the
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- WHO:** Taos and surrounding area residents of Taos County
- WHAT:** Water Fair – water testing for residents with private wells serving homes *not* connected to a public water utility
- WHEN:** Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, August 26, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Taos County Fair, at the Juan I. Gonzalez Agriculture Building, 202 Chamisa Road, Taos, NM

How to Collect the Water Sample:

- Use a clean glass or plastic container (at least a quart).
 - Do not use containers that have a strong odor, such as citrus or pickle jars.
 - Collect the sample before any water treatment systems such as reverse osmosis, water softener, or carbon filter.
 - Let the water run for a couple of minutes before collecting the sample.
 - Collect the sample as close to the time of testing as possible.
 - Cover the container with a clean lid.
- If available, please provide well depth, depth to water, well casing material (i.e., steel, pvc) and distance from well to the nearest septic tank/leachfield system.
 - Limited analysis will be performed the same day, and you can either pick up results or have them mailed to you.

Drinking water will be tested at the water fair for the following parameters:

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| Δ Electrical conductivity | Δ Nitrate |
| Δ Iron | Δ pH |
| Δ Fluoride | Δ Sulfate |

For further information contact the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau at: 505-222-9574.