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## **Environment Department & Department of Health To Offer Free Water Testing In Socorro**

**Socorro County, NM --** The New Mexico Environment Dept. and the New Mexico Dept. of Health will offer free water testing for residents of Socorro, San Antonio, Magdalena and surrounding communities with private wells serving homes *not* connected to a public water utility. Water testing will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Fidel Center (1st level atrium) located at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, 801 Leroy Pl., Socorro, NM 87801.

### *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 close to the time of testing.
- 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, Nitrate, pH and Sulfate.

For further information contact: 505-222-9574.

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