



## Department of Health

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Dear Town Supervisors/Town Clerks:

The New York State Health Department updated some of its education materials for private wells and septic systems. These materials give people with private wells and septic systems tips for testing and maintenance. We are making these materials available to towns with large rural populations that have private wells and septic systems.

Below are ways to order these materials:

- A PDF version is available (and is attached to e-mail note).
- You can download and print from the New York State Health Department website.

- Test and Protect Your Private Well:

[www.health.ny.gov/publications/6628/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/6628/index.htm)

We recommend that a private well owner test their well water once a year for bacteria and for other contaminants every 3-5 years. Information is included on where to find certified laboratories that can perform such testing.

- Septic System Operation and Maintenance:

[www.health.ny.gov/publications/3208/index.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/3208/index.htm)

Even the best designed and installed septic system will eventually fail without periodic maintenance. This guide briefly describes septic system components and how they should be maintained.

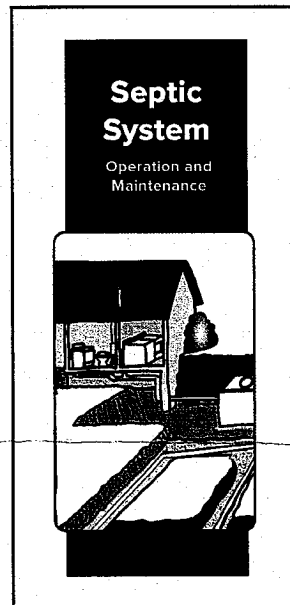
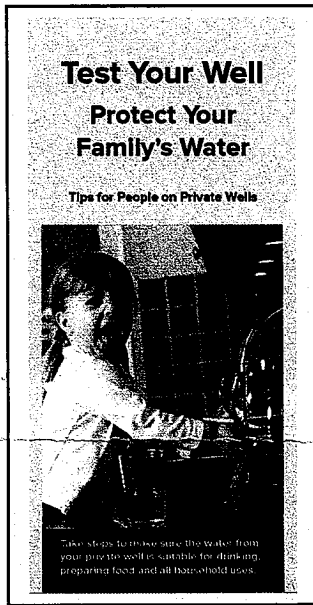
- You can use the order form for small quantities of either of these publications.

Sincerely,

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# New York State Department of Health

## FREE Private Well and Septic System Materials



**Instructions:**

Please fill in the form with your mailing information and circle quantities next to each item. These items will remain available while supplies last.

Title	Pub#	Language	Quantity		
Test Your Well Protect Your Family's Water (brochure)	6628	English	5	10	25
Septic System Operation and Maintenance (brochure)	3208	English	5	10	25

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**MAIL TO:**

New York State Health Department  
 Distribution Center  
 PO BOX 343  
 Guilderland, NY 12084-0343

**Or Email: [OGS.SM.GDC@OGS.NY.GOV](mailto:OGS.SM.GDC@OGS.NY.GOV)**

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