



# MALHEUR COUNTY

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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## Flooding and Wells

After flood waters have receded, wells should be tested before being used. Sample bottles for well testing are available at the Malheur County Environmental Health Department. In the County Courthouse in Vale, Room #113. Bottles are also available at Malheur County Building Department in Ontario, 316 NE Goodfellow St, Suite 1. Samples need to be gathered Wednesday morning and dropped off at the Ontario Water Treatment Plant at 1900 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ontario, OR 97914, by 11 am Wednesday morning. The Small entrance has a desk against the wall to place samples for pick up. Magic Valley Labs has their pick-up time at 11am on Wednesdays. Once the samples have been tested, results and the bill will be sent to the address marked on the sample paperwork.

An alternative drop off location, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, is available in Vale. Located at the City of Vale Public Works Shop, 333 10<sup>th</sup> St. N, Vale, OR 97918.

### General Procedures for Sampling Wells:

For most water tests, follow these steps when collecting a sample:

- Take the sample close to the pump, before the water goes through a treatment system.
- Do not take the sample from a swing-type faucet. Inspect the faucet for leaks. Select another faucet if there is leaking.
- Remove the aerator.
- Disinfect the faucet with bleach or a flame.
- Run the water several minutes to clear the line.
- Take the sample midstream. Do not touch the opening or inside of the cap.
- If needed, store the sample in the refrigerator before taking to the lab.
- Submit the sample on the day of collection.

If you have any other questions or concerns, contact Malheur County Environmental Health