

Water Fair Program:

Frequently Asked Questions

- If my water quality is bad, will NMED seize my well?
 - No. NMED has no regulatory authority over private wells.
- How can I be informed when a water fair will be near me or is there a list for upcoming water fairs?
 - NMED does not schedule water fairs more than one or two months in advance and does not make personalized announcements for water fairs. Please check the [NMED Calendar](#) occasionally.
- Does the water fair testing satisfy CYFD regulations for those seeking to become foster homes or VA financing requirements?
 - No, these tests must be preformed by a NMED [certified laboratory](#).
- Can I drop my sample off for you to test or take to the upcoming water fair?
 - The water fairs are community events open to any New Mexico resident from any county. Therefore, we do not provide individualized testing and we do not accept drop-offs to ensure equal opportunity to all residents.
- What is the Purpose of the Water Fair Program?
 - The NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) conducts free testing through a grant from the EPA, in conjunction with the NM Department of Health (NMDOH), to provide data about domestic wells. Approximately, eight water fairs or public outreach events are held each a year in communities throughout New Mexico. Each water fair event includes free testing of water samples from private domestic wells. Additionally, domestic well owners have the opportunity to interact with NMED and NMDOH staff to learn more about ground water quality issues and how they can help preserve or improve water quality.