

The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016 (as amended)

How often does my supply need testing?

Private Water Supplies are split into 3 categories:

Single Domestic Supplies – Supplies relating to single domestic dwellings only. These supplies are monitored but not routinely risk assessed or sampled unless requested to by the owner or occupier.

Multiple Domestic Supplies or Commercial Supplies – Supplies that relate to more than one premises or supply a commercial or public activity.

Regulation 9 supplies - These supplies generally include any rented or commercial activity and are required to be sampled annually.

Regulation 10 Supplies – These supplies relate to any owner-occupied properties on a multiple supply ie 2 or more properties on a supply. These are required to be sampled every 5 years.

Large Domestic and Commercial Supplies – Supplies that use an average daily volume of water of 10m³ or more – this equates to approximately 50 people. These supplies are required to be sampled twice a year or more depending on the volume of water used.

Fees and Charges 2021/2022

The Council will recharge the costs of carrying out duties under these regulations as follows:

Risk Assessment	£52.63 per hour - including time on site and administration time
Sampling Visit	£100 + analysis charge
Investigation	£100
Granting an Authorisation	£100
Sample Analysis	Actual charge levied by laboratory – see table below

Please note that these charges are not subject to VAT

Item	Bacterial Only (by request only – you still may be required to have a Group A+B test)	Group A Parameters (small supplies not routinely sampled)	Group A + B Parameters (Regulation 9 supplies)	Regulation 10 supplies
Charge per Sample Visit	£100			
Laboratory Analysis	Up to £25	Up to £80	Up to £300	Up to £25

Please note these are charges for a standard suite and there may be additional charges for any parameters identified from a risk assessment that may need to be included.

The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016 (as amended) require the Council to carry out the following activities:

Risk Assessment

This is a detailed examination of the water source, collecting chambers, holding tanks, pipe work and other infrastructure to identify where contamination of the supply may occur and how this can be removed. Risk Assessments will be carried out by appointment with the 'relevant person. This is someone who takes on the responsibility for the supply, e.g. a land owner/agent, a nominated person or someone identified by a lease, deeds or rental agreement. This gives them the opportunity to arrange access to the various parts of the system, clear any vegetation and arrange for someone with detailed knowledge of the system to be present thereby providing an opportunity to reduce the time taken by the officer to complete the assessment and thus reducing the overall cost. A typical assessment may take 1-2 hours on site plus administration and writing up of the report.

Sampling

Sampling is usually taken from a consumer tap. It will be sent for chemical and bacteriological analysis at an approved laboratory. The frequency and extent of analysis will depend on the size of the supply and the use of the water.

Investigation

If a sample has a failed test result, an investigation into the cause will be made to identify what action is needed to improve the supply. Further samples may be taken at the source, from holding tanks and at other points on the system to assist the investigation. Investigation charges are in addition to those for risk assessments or sampling.