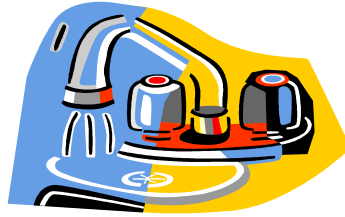




**WATER QUALITY TESTING  
PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE  
BY THE  
NEW MEXICO  
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**



- WHO:** T or C, Elephant Butte and surrounding area residents of Sierra County
- WHAT:** Water Fair – water testing for residents with private wells serving homes not connected to a public water utility
- WHEN:** Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Sierra Public Health Office, 201 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, T or C, NM

*How to Collect the Water Sample:*

- Use a clean glass or plastic container (at least a quart of water).
  - Do not use containers that have a strong odor, such as pickle jars.
  - Let the water run for a couple of minutes before collecting the sample.
  - Collect the sample as close to the time of testing as possible.
  - Cover the container with a clean lid.
  - Collect the sample before any water treatment systems such as reverse osmosis, water softener, or carbon filter.
- If available, please provide well depth, depth to water, well casing material (i.e., steel, pvc) and distance from well to the nearest septic tank/leachfield system.
  - Limited analysis will be performed the same day, and you can either pick up results or have them mailed to you.
  - Water supplied by public drinking water systems will not be tested since those supplies are routinely tested pursuant to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Anyone supplied by a public system should receive a Consumer Confidence Report each year from the system operator that summarizes test results.

**Drinking water will be tested at the water fair for the following parameters:**

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| △ Electrical conductivity | △ Nitrate |
| △ Iron                    | △ pH      |
| △ Fluoride                | △ Sulfate |

For further information contact the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau at: 505-222-9574.