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## **Residents advised to check well water**

Richland, Wash: As a result of the flooding occurring in Benton County, local residents who rely on wells to supply drinking water should ensure their water has not been contaminated. According to the Benton-Franklin Health District, wells could be suspect if flood waters came within 100 feet of the well.

According to the health district, if someone has any doubt as to the safety of their drinking water supply, they should not drink the water. Use boiled or bottled water for drinking, brushing teeth, dishwashing, preparing food or making ice. If boiling, bring the water to a rolling boil on the stovetop for one minute and let it cool. Disinfecting water in a microwave is not recommended.

The Benton-Franklin Health District has a certified laboratory for testing water. Questions regarding these services can call the health district at 509-460-4206.

Additional information is available on the health district's website at [www.bfhd.wa.gov](http://www.bfhd.wa.gov).

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