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## Well Disinfection for Fire-Damaged Properties

Individual water wells may incur contamination as a result of fire damage to components and/ or the need to reopen the well to replace water lines to the well. Once all repair work is completed to the well and water lines, the well should be disinfected and water samples taken to a State Approved Laboratory for testing. A list of approved labs is provided at end of this document.

Exposed piping, electrical supply lines, storage tanks and other surface exposed components of the water supply system may be damaged or destroyed by fire. It is strongly suggested that the water well disinfection procedures outlined below be implemented after repairs to the potable water distribution system have been completed. It is also recommended that a water sample be taken and submitted to a state certified laboratory for analysis (see list below). This is to ensure that any contamination that may have entered the well as a result of the damage has been eliminated.

### WATER WELL DISINFECTION

It may be necessary to disinfect your well after a wildfire. The County of San Diego, California has invested much time in creating steps to do disinfection on your well and well casing. Please refer to the document at the following link:

[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/deh/lwqd/lu\\_water\\_well\\_disinfection.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/deh/lwqd/lu_water_well_disinfection.pdf)

## State Approved Laboratories for Water Quality Analysis

The following link provides information and guidance on state approved laboratories for drinking water and/or wastewater analysis. The following list is provided for information only. Linn County does not endorse the businesses listed.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/LaboratoryServices/EnvironmentalLaboratoryAccreditation/Pages/DrinkingWaterTesting.aspx>

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