

## MO county reveals results of well water tests

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HOWELL COUNTY, MO — Recent testing of private water wells has shown that more than one-third of the wells here contain coliform bacteria, with some of them also testing positive for *E. coli* bacteria, the *Howell County News* **reported** on March 11.

During 2008, the Howell County Health Department collected 92 private well water samples. Of those samples, which were submitted to the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory in Jefferson City for testing, 63 percent were free of bacteria and considered safe for drinking water purposes. The remaining 37 percent showed the presence of coliform bacteria and are considered unsafe for drinking water purposes.

Of those 34 samples testing positive for coliform, seven also tested positive for *E. coli* bacteria, the article said.