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UF/IFAS Pasco Co. Extension Offers Free Well Water Testing

~~Test kits are first-come, first-serve; limited supply available Thurs/Fri.~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The UF/IFAS [Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service](#) is offering free, private well water testing kits for owners whose wells flooded due to Hurricane Irma. The water sampling test kits are available **Thursday, September 28, 2017** and **Friday, September 29, 2017** from **8:00 a.m. to noon** at the UF/IFAS Pasco Extension Office, located at 36702 State Road 52 in Dade City, Florida.

“Following a flood event, residents should assume their well water is contaminated until tested,” said Diane Boellstorff, water resource specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. “You should not use water from a flooded well for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing your teeth or even bathing until you are satisfied it is not contaminated.”

Kits are first-come, first-serve, and only sixty (60) kits are available. Instructions are included with the kits.

The Pasco Extension Office will collect the water samples on **Tuesday, October 3, from 8:00 a.m. to noon**. Kits received after that date **will not** be accepted for testing, as they have to be shipped to Virginia Tech within a specific time frame for accurate testing. Virginia Tech will analyze the samples for coliform bacteria. Water quality results will be confidential and will be emailed or mailed to residents' homes.

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