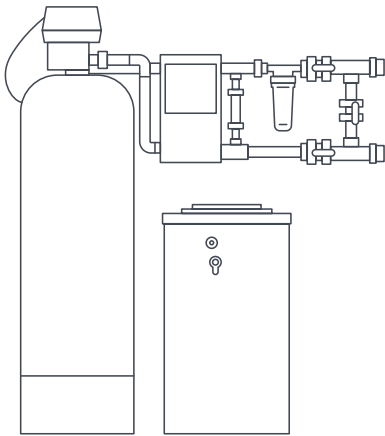




# Choosing Treatment For Your Private Well

Be an Informed and Smart Shopper



Filtration and/or treatment can be a great addition to your private well. It can help make your water safer or just taste better. But like many home improvements, it's important to know what to look for. Here are some tips to help you choose a filter or treatment system.

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- Do** .....
- Test your water at a state-certified laboratory. A list is posted on RIDOH's website at [www.health.ri.gov/find/labs/drinkingwater](http://www.health.ri.gov/find/labs/drinkingwater).
  - Talk to RIDOH's Private Wells Program if you have concerns or questions. We can help. Call **401-222-6867** or email [DOH.RIDWQ@health.ri.gov](mailto:DOH.RIDWQ@health.ri.gov).
  - Shop around. You don't have to use the first company you call. Try a few different companies, tell them what you need, get price estimates, and find one that you trust.

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- Avoid** .....
- Be cautious of deals or big discounts you get only if you buy it right away. Don't feel pressured to commit if you're not ready.
  - Avoid using over-the-counter tests for your well water. Most at-home tests are not accurate or reliable. Insist that all tests are done by a state-certified lab.
  - All filters will need regular maintenance and refills, and there is no one filter that works for every home or every problem. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
  - Water sample test results can be confusing or scary. If a salesman tells you that your water is bad or something dangerous is in your area, call RIDOH to make sure that the information is correct.