



## Clean Water



## Healthy Families

*Learn about how Cook Inletkeeper  
can help you ensure clean drinking  
water for you and your family.*



# Presentation Outline

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Mission & Programs



Water Quality Basics



Water Testing  
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and Instructions



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# Cook Inletkeeper Mission and Programs



## CLEAN WATER

- Safe Drinking Water
- Electronics Recycling
- Clean Boating & Harbors
- Citizen Monitoring



## HEALTHY HABITAT

- Stream Temperature Data Collection
- Habitat Mapping
- Conservation Partnerships



## CLEAN ENERGY

- Oil and Gas Drilling and Transportation Issues
- Mine Development
- Energy Efficiency
- Advocacy

# Safe Drinking Water Program Goals

## Education

Educate Alaskans about the potential contaminants and health risks associated with some private drinking water sources.

## Information

Provide information and resources regarding private drinking water testing.

## Technical Assistance

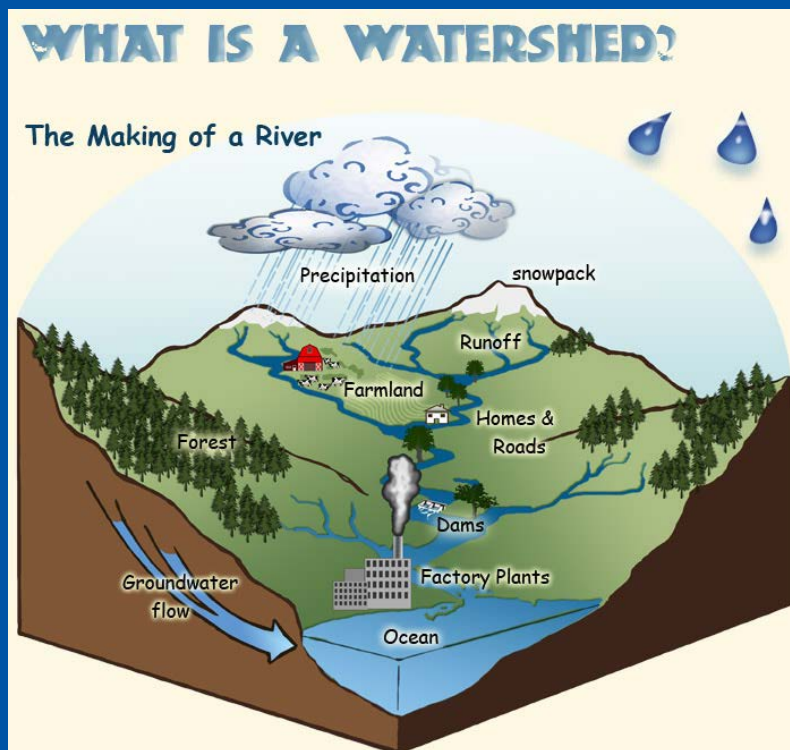
Assist private well owners with taking samples and interpreting test results, including finding local and state resources for treatment of contaminated water.

## Stewardship

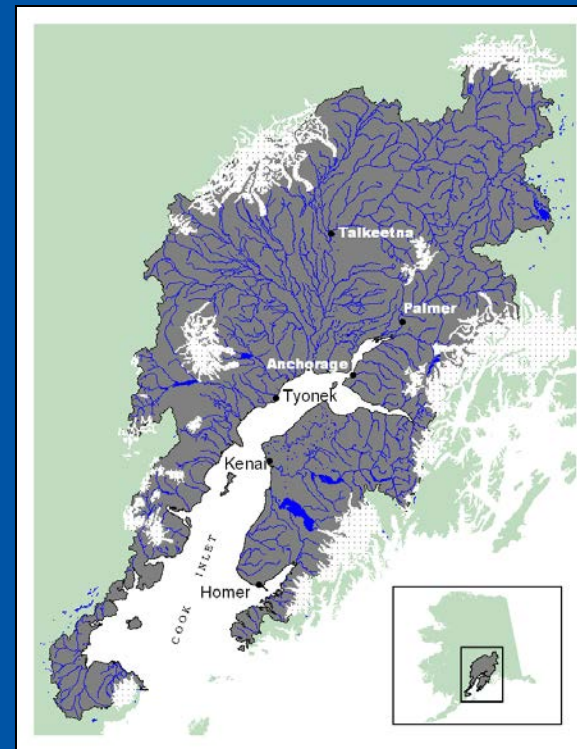
Encourage Alaskans to take responsibility for long-term maintenance and testing of private drinking water sources, and protecting those sources through wise land use.



# Water Quality Basics

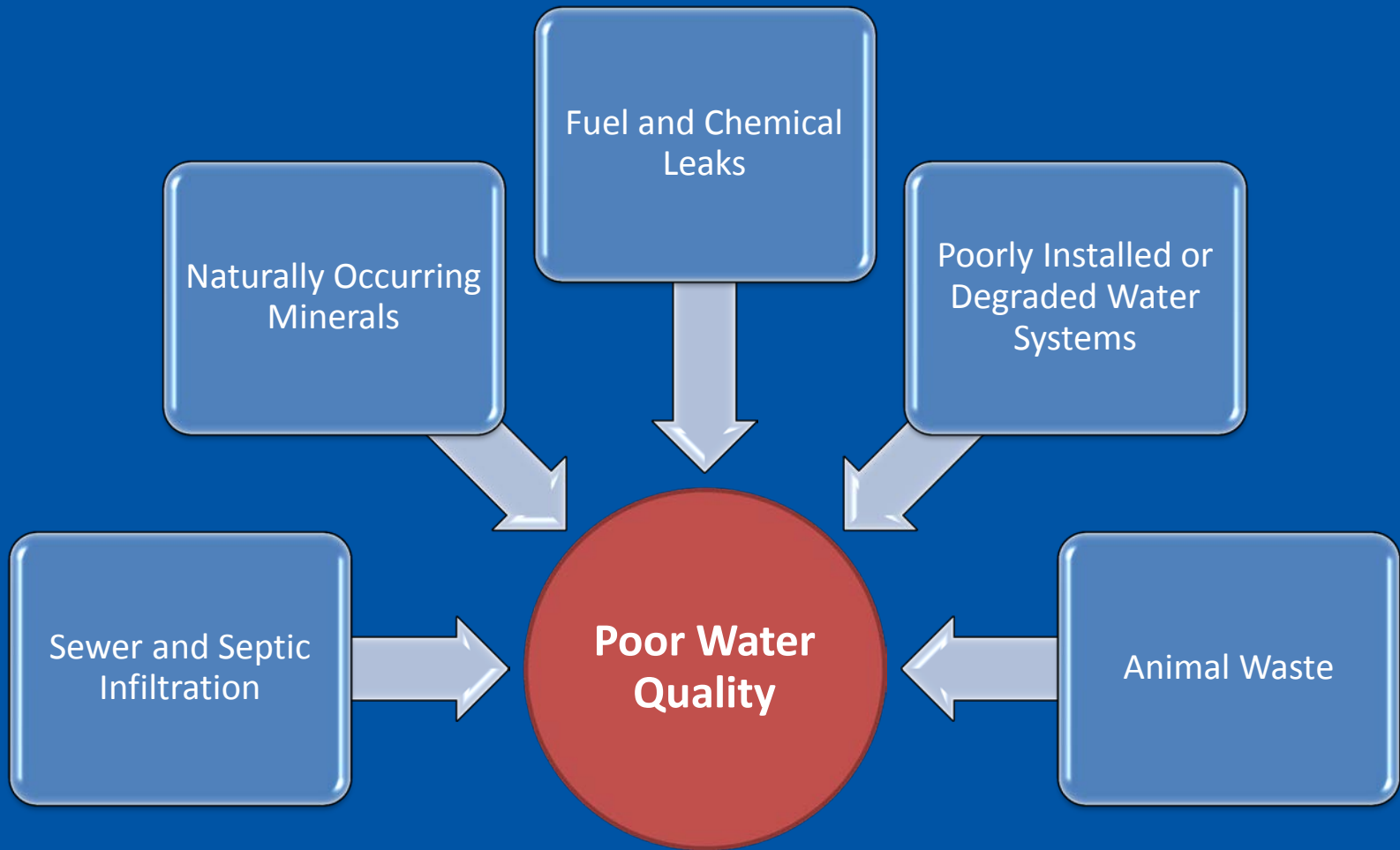


A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place.



The Cook Inlet watershed encompasses over 47,000 square miles of land!



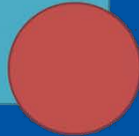




# Common Water Contaminants & Health/Aesthetic Effects

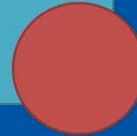
Fecal bacteria, such as *E. coli*, can cause severe gastrointestinal illnesses. This can be life threatening for infants and those with compromised immune systems.

## Bacteria



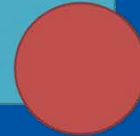
High nitrate concentrations can be fatal to infants, interfering with their blood's ability to carry oxygen. Long term exposure to high nitrate levels can lead to hemorrhaging of the spleen.

## Nitrates



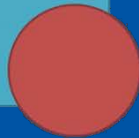
Skin damage, diabetes, increased cancer risk, and circulatory system problems are potential affects of chronic arsenic poisoning.

## Arsenic



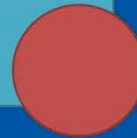
Vomiting, diarrhea, cramps, and nausea can be the result of over consumption of copper. Long term exposure can also cause liver and kidney damage to infants.

## Copper



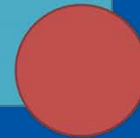
High levels for infants and children can lead to physical and mental developmental delays. Adults exposed to high levels of lead may experience kidney problems and high blood pressure.

## Lead



High levels of sodium may contribute to the risk of high blood pressure, especially if you are overweight and/or have a family history of hypertension.

## Sodium



# Common Water Contaminants & Health/Aesthetic Effects *(continued)*

While not a health risk in itself, acidic water can cause corrosivity, leaching metals from pipes and fixtures. Alkali water can cause poor water taste and buildup in plumbing.

pH



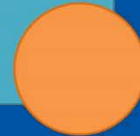
These chemicals can affect the flavor of food and water. Laundry and appliances can become stained red or black, and iron and manganese support the growth of bacteria that can clog pumps, pipes and valves.

Iron & Manganese



Mineral buildup on pipes and plumbing fixtures, bitter coffee, deposits on dishes, lower water pressure, lower appliance efficiency.

Hardness



**Health Concern**



**Aesthetic & System Efficiency Concern**

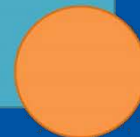
Caused by hydrogen sulfide gas, this can be produced by certain "sulfur bacteria" in the groundwater, well, or the water distribution system. It can also be produced by sulfur bacteria or chemical reactions inside water heaters.

Rotten Egg Smell

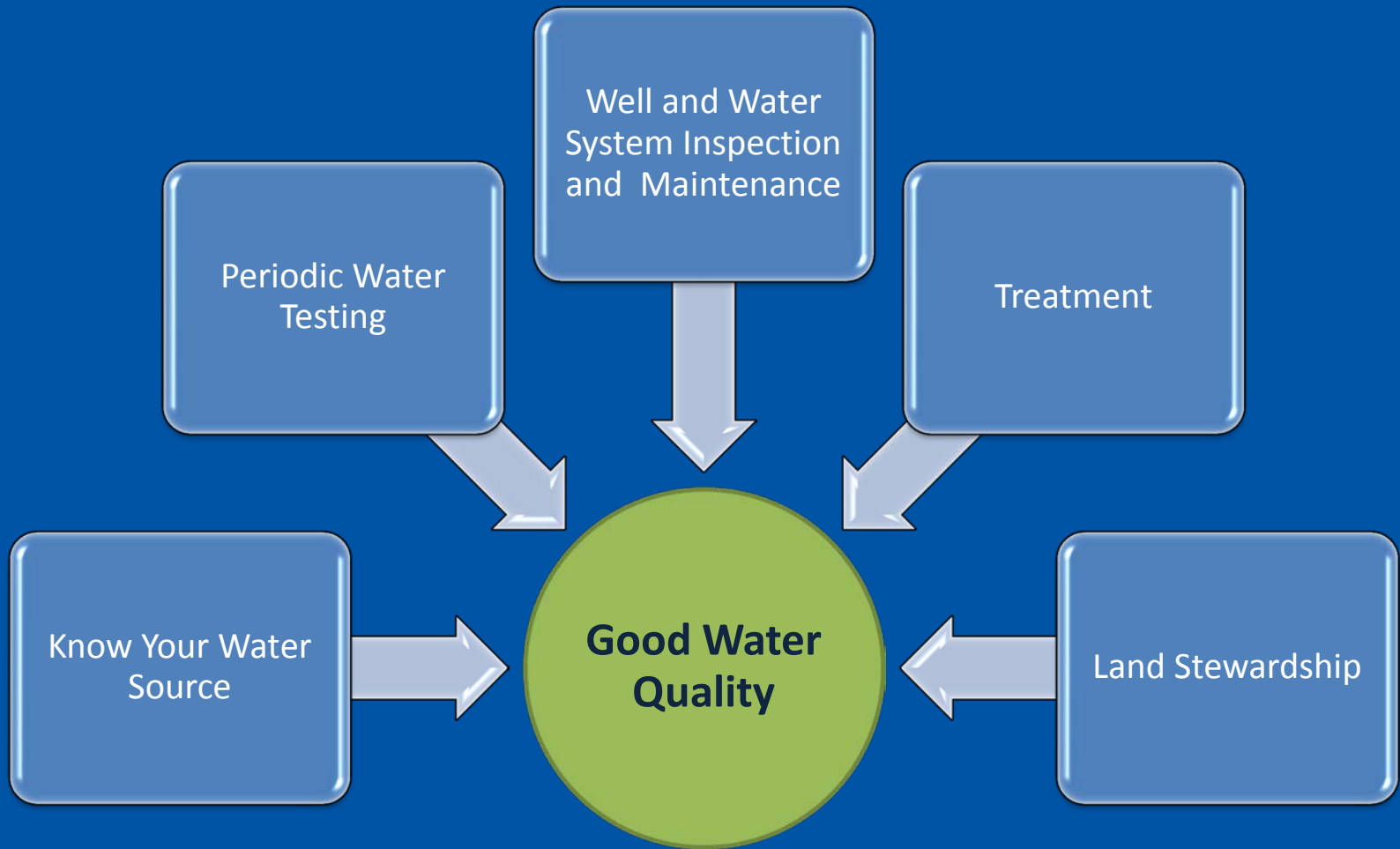


Scale buildup in pipes, reduced efficiency of hot water heaters and water filters, and a bitter or salty taste are potential effects from high TDS.

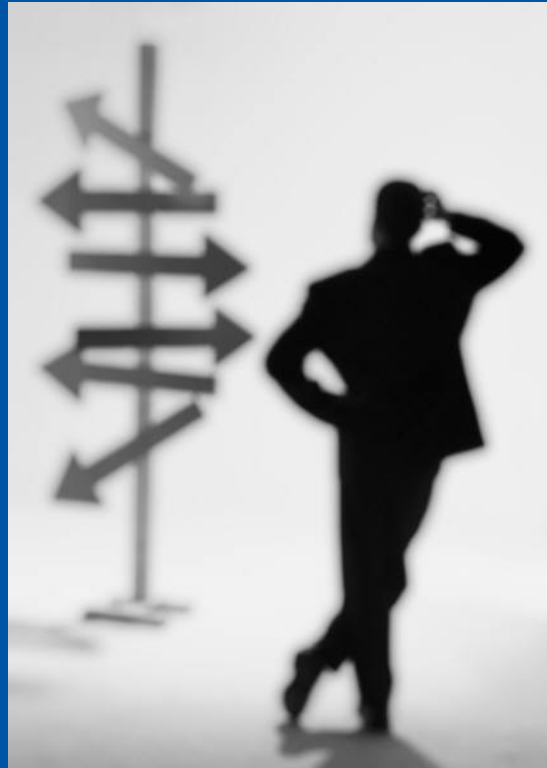
Total Dissolved Solids







# Water Testing



# Water Testing Options

**\$279**

Well Safe III: All of Well Safe I and II, plus :

Sodium

Lead

Copper

**\$232**

Well Safe II: All of Well Safe I, plus:

Hardness

pH

Iron &  
Manganese

Corrosivity

**\$140**

Well Safe I

Bacteria  
(\$50)

Nitrates

Arsenic



# Sampling Schedule

Take samples between 4:00am and 9:00 am. Keep samples COOL, but not frozen until transport.



Bring samples, paperwork, and payment to Analytica's lab in Anchorage or Wasilla, or send with a courier.

Receive results in 10 business days. Report will come directly to you from the lab.

Forward results to Cook Inletkeeper (optional, see Data Use Agreement for more information).



# Sampling Instructions: Collecting Samples

## Lead and Copper:

- Run water for 3- 4 minutes the night before taking the sample.
- DON'T USE THE WATER FOR 6-8 HOURS!
- Collect the 'first draw' of water in the morning. Don't let the water run first.
- Fill bottle with cold water, cap bottle, fill out information on label.

## Bacteria:

- Wash your hands! Bacteria is everywhere!
- Remove screen, disinfect faucet.
- Run water for 2 minutes.
- Fill bottle with cold water, cap bottle, fill out information on label.
- Take care not to contaminate sample by touching inside the lid or putting the lid on the counter or sink.

## All other sample bottles:

- No special instructions, just fill 'em up!



# Sampling Instructions: Collecting Samples

Well Safe I and II:



First, collect the bacteria sample.



Fill the rest of the bottles.

Well Safe III:



Let water sit in the pipes 6-8 hours before sampling.



First, collect the Lead and Copper sample.



Second, collect the bacteria sample.



Fill the rest of the bottles.





# Sampling Instructions: Forms & Payment

Chain of Custody – MORE DETAIL NEXT!!

- Use pen only.

Lead and Copper Sample Worksheet – MORE DETAIL NEXT!!

- Only for Well Safe III

Payment

- Check only, Payable to Analytica.

Private Water Source Information

- Optional

Data Use Agreement

- Optional

Program Evaluation

- Optional



## Your Contact Info

# Your Name

# Your Name

Sign, date, & time when dropping off samples

Your Name



# Sampling Instructions: Lead and Copper Form



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## LEAD & COPPER WATER SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

! TO TAKE THIS SAMPLE YOUR WATER MUST BE OFF FOR A PERIOD OF 6 HOURS, BUT NO LONGER THAN 8 HOURS.

! IF YOU HAVE COLLECTED THE SAMPLE BEFORE OR AFTER THIS TIME REQUIREMENT, ANALYTICA CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR SAMPLE. INCORRECT SAMPLING MAY CAUSE RE-SAMPLING AT CLIENTS EXPENSE.

1. A one (1) Liter Plastic sample bottle should be obtained from Analytica.
2. Select the location from which you are going to take your water sample.  
**Kitchen Sink or Bathroom Sink** is recommended.
3. Remove any screens from Faucet before taking the sample.
4. Place bottle directly under Tap- turn water on. Fill to shoulder of bottle and replace lid.
5. Complete all information in the box below and return to the laboratory immediately.

### TO BE COMPLETED BY RESIDENT OR SAMPLER

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

WATER WAS LAST USED ON: TIME \_\_\_\_\_ A.M OR P.M. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time sample was taken: Time \_\_\_\_\_ A.M OR P.M. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Sample was taken from:  
Please Circle: Kitchen Sink, Other, Please List if Other \_\_\_\_\_

Water sat in pipes unused for: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours. **WATER MUST BE OFF FOR 6 (SIX) HOURS BUT NO MORE THAN (EIGHT) HOURS. ANALYTICA WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR WATER SAMPLE IF WATER WAS OFF LONGER THAN 8 (EIGHT) HOURS.**

I have read the above directions and have taken a tap sample in accordance with these directions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Analytica...Everything Else is Just Testing™*

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# Sampling Instructions - Review

- Let household/family members know what is going on.
- Fill out paperwork and bottles completely.
- Pay attention to the order to take the samples.
- Don't rinse bottles before filling. The white powder is a preservative.
- Don't overfill the bottles, but fill them to the 'neck'.
- Use caution to prevent contamination.
- Keep samples cool, but not frozen.





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EPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791</b></li><li>• <a href="http://water.epa.gov/drink/index.cfm">http://water.epa.gov/drink/index.cfm</a></li><li>• <a href="http://www.epa.gov/privatewells/pdfs/household_wells.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/privatewells/pdfs/household_wells.pdf</a></li></ul>
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