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PRESS RELEASE

**Bedford Extension Office to host water testing clinic in September**

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What’s in YOUR water? Did you know that private water supplies like wells and springs are unregulated? It is the responsibility of the homeowner to regularly test water quality, maintain the water system, and address any problems. Affordable, confidential water testing and education will be offered through Virginia Cooperative Extension offices in Bedford, Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell counties and the City of Lynchburg. Pick up your kits between August 31 and September 4, 2020 at the Bedford Extension Office, and plan to drop off your samples on September 9, 2020 between 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. at the Bedford Extension Office following physical distancing measures. Participation is voluntary and confidential. Water samples collected by participating homeowners will be analyzed for 14 parameters, including bacteria, metals, nitrate and hardness at a cost of $60. Results and water system care and maintenance information will be sent to each participant either by email or mail, and a pre-recorded or live video presentation will be made available to help explain the summary results and recommendations to address problems. All information is kept strictly confidential. Please contact Scott Baker at the Bedford Extension Office, 540-586-7675, scbaker@vt.edu to register! You can also register online at [**https://bedford.ext.vt.edu/**](https://bedford.ext.vt.edu/)

For more information about the Virginia Household Water Quality Program, as well as many resources relevant to private water systems, please visit [www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu](http://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu).

*If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this training, please contact the Bedford Extension Office at (540) 586-7675/ TDD\* during business hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least 5 days before the activity. \*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.*