

## Well Water Test Kits Available

The Delaware Township Environmental Commission and the Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) are co-sponsoring a community well-testing program for homeowners to test their drinking water for chemical and biological contaminants.

Water test kits are available for purchase at Community Day on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and at the Township Building from September 12<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>. To purchase a test kit, you must use a check (no cash) payable to the Raritan Headwaters Association.

Sample containers and completed paperwork must be returned to the Township Building on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 am.

Public health authorities recommend annual testing. If your well has not been tested for several years, now is the time to test. Residents may have their drinking water tested for coliform bacteria and nitrates for \$60. Additional testing options are available. Please see “***What Should I Test My Well Water For?***” for a complete listing of the available tests and the associated prices.

For more information about RHA’s well testing program, please call (908) 234-1852 or e-mail to [welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org](mailto:welltesting@raritanheadwaters.org).

**Note:** While all water samples are analyzed by a certified laboratory, be advised that since you are collecting the water samples yourself, the sample results may not be defensible in a court of law (ie any future litigation against PennEast). In addition, the sample results cannot be used for the Private Well Testing Act if you are selling your home. The sample results from the Community Well-Testing Program should be used for your informational purpose to assess your drinking water quality.

Therefore, if you need to obtain sample results for the Private Well Testing Act or that will be defensible in a court of law, you should engage the services of a certified laboratory for both sample collection and analysis. In addition, a chain of custody (seal on bottles and chain of custody record) should be maintained by both the sampler and the laboratory. Please see [www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/pw\\_pwta.html](http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/pw_pwta.html) and click on the “*List of New Jersey Certified Laboratories*” for a complete listing of Certified Drinking Water Laboratories.