

Laboratory Testing for Nitrate and E. coli

It is important to use a laboratory that has been approved by the Ministry of Health to carry out the analysis required.

Here is a list of some laboratories that can test drinking water for nitrate and E. coli:

- Citilabs (03 455 7938)
- Eurofins (03 343 5227)
- Hills Chemistry (03 377 7176)

Cost of testing for nitrate and E. coli

Prices for nitrate analysis range from \$11 plus GST to \$30.

Prices for E coli analysis range from \$20 plus GST to \$35.

What to look for in the testing results

Nitrate results should not exceed 50mg/L nitrate (which is equivalent to 11.3mg/L nitrate-nitrogen). Please check how the results are expressed.

E coli results should be less than 1/100ml water.

Call your local council and talk to the Environmental Health Officer if you want to discuss the results of your testing.

