

Ingham County has a lower-risk groundwater profile above glacial aquifers. Iron is detected in ~75% of wells, driven by geological sources. Contamination is often invisible — testing is the only way to confirm your well's safety.

1%

HOUSEHOLDS ON PRIVATE WELLS

Glacial aquifers

PRIMARY AQUIFER TYPE

LOW

OVERALL RISK LEVEL

YOUR TOP WATER QUALITY RISKS

| CONTAMINANT | HOW COMMON | RISK LEVEL | SOURCE & CONTEXT |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|
| Iron* | ~75% of wells | Moderate | Geological — Common in glacial and alluvial aquifers; staining and taste |
| Arsenic | ~9% above limit | Moderate | Geological — Naturally dissolves from bedrock and glacial sediment |
| Sulfate* | ~4% above aesthetic limit | Moderate | Geological — Natural dissolution from gypsum and sulfate minerals |
| Chloride* | ~50% of wells | Low-Moderate | Road/Geological — Road salt application and natural mineral deposits |
| Nitrite | ~98% of wells | Low-Moderate | |

* Secondary standard — an aesthetic limit for taste, odor, or staining. Not a health-based EPA limit.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Order a water test.**
Test for Iron, Arsenic, Sulfate, Chloride, coliform bacteria. Bacteria annually; others every 3–5 years.
- Get your free county report.**
See full data, treatment options, and certified labs at <https://yourwaterreport.com/states/mi/ingham-county/>
- Upload your lab results.**
We'll interpret them, flag anything above limits, and recommend next steps — free.

KNOW YOUR WELL

Well age / year drilled _____

Last water test date _____

Treatment systems installed _____

Well driller / service contact _____

WHAT YOUR RESULTS MEAN

Use this to interpret your lab report — match the contaminant to your result.

| IF YOUR TEST SHOWS | WHAT IT MEANS | CONSIDER |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Bacteria detected | Immediate concern | Shock chlorination; add UV system |
| Iron > 0.3 mg/L | Staining, taste — aesthetic issue | Oxidizing iron filter |
| Arsenic > 10 µg/L | EPA limit exceeded — chronic cancer risk | Reverse osmosis or activated alumina filter |

WHO SHOULD USE THIS

- Homeowners on private wells — not covered by public water testing
- Home buyers doing due diligence before closing
- Families with infants, elderly, or immunocompromised members
- Anyone who hasn't tested their well in the past 3 years

LOCAL RESOURCES

Well Testing Services | Raven Analytical Laboratories
<https://ravenwaterlab.com/>
Full county report
<https://yourwaterreport.com/states/mi/ingham-county/>

Free personalized well water report at <https://yourwaterreport.com/states/mi/ingham-county/>

Data: EPA ECHO · USGS NWIS · Water Quality Portal · U.S. Census ACS
For informational purposes only. Contact a licensed professional for testing and treatment.