

DROUGHT RESOURCES FOR TULARE COUNTY RESIDENTS

Dry Well Tank Replacement

About the program: A storage tank and hauled water can be provided as an emergency short-term solution to households whose private wells have gone dry. Income qualification applies. Applicants to this program are also eligible for the bottled water program described below and will be provided with additional information about funding options for a replacement well or another water source.

* Property owners (not tenants) can apply for this program

How to apply: Call Self-Help Enterprises at (559) 802-1685 or email droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org

Note: *Due to a high volume of calls, Self-Help is only returning calls so residents should leave a detailed voicemail message and program representatives will follow up with each resident.*

Water Quality Testing / Well Assessment

About the program: Private wells that supply drinking water can be tested for contaminants to determine if the water is safe to use for drinking, cooking and other daily home uses. Income qualification applies. If contamination is confirmed, households may be eligible for short-term drinking water assistance programs, including the bottled water program described here or a filtration system.

* Tenants can apply and need to have a right of entry form signed by the property owners

How to apply: Call Self-Help Enterprises at (559) 802-1285 or email waterquality@selfhelpenterprises.org

Bottled Water

About the program: This program is available for households that are experiencing dry wells and/or contamination in their water and meet income qualifications. Qualifying households will receive a total of 60 gallons of bottled water delivered to their home monthly to use for drinking and cooking.

Note: *Residents living in communities with a population larger than 1,000 must request assistance from the SWRCB directly and are not eligible for the Tulare County Bottled Water Program.*

*Impacted residents, whether they are tenants or property owners, can apply for this program

Step 1: This bottled water program complements Self-Help's water quality testing & dry well tank replacement programs above. Ideally, Self-Help or another entity (well driller, lab, etc.) must confirm contamination and/or dry well status. If the well has not been tested in the last year, residents are encouraged to apply to both programs simultaneously.

Step 2: Residents apply to receive bottled water assistance from Tulare County RMA.

Step 3: Wells that have confirmed contamination will be considered for a filtration system, installed by Self-Help, that will replace the bottled water. If a filter cannot fix the contamination, that household will continue to receive bottled permanently, for the duration of this program.

How to apply: Call Tulare County RMA at (559) 624-7071 or email bottledwater@tularecounty.ca.gov

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Water Kiosks

About the program: Drinking water kiosks are open to everyone and provided as a result of a nitrate settlement between the SWRCB and nitrate dischargers. Currently there are drinking water kiosks in:

- Terra Bella on the corner of Road 236 & Avenue 96
- Okieville on the corner of Road 48 & Avenue 229
- Hanford at the transit station
- Farmersville at the Kaweah Delta Conservation District
- Dinuba at the Circle K gas station, 517 W El Monte Way

How to access water: Residents must take their own refillable containers to the kiosks and service themselves.

CV-SALTS Management Zones Drinking Water

About the program: Communities impacted or threatened by nitrate can access a **free** program that includes nitrate well testing and safe drinking water via bottled water (subject to eligibility). No income qualification applies. Residents are also able to access drinking water kiosks (see above).

How to obtain safe drinking water programs: :

Step 1: A resident must first determine which management zone they live in using this website: <http://kingswateralliance.org/map/>

Step 2 : Resident must then follow the process for accessing the safe drinking water programs under their relevant management zone:

- Kaweah: <http://www.kaweahwater.org/drinkingwater.html>
- Kings: <http://kingswateralliance.org/>
- Tule: <https://www.tulemz.com/>

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