

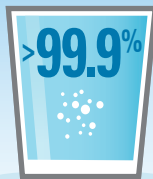
Drinking Water Quality in Private Supplies 2016



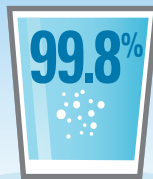
Almost
20%

of Ireland's population
is supplied by private
water supplies

**Water quality in private water supplies is
consistently poorer than public water supplies**

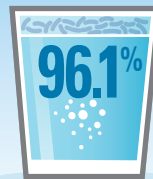


Public water
supplies



Public group
schemes

2016
E. Coli
compliance
in



Private group
schemes



Small private
supplies

Protecting private supplies

Step 1:
Check your
source



Is your
wellhead
sealed?



Can surface
water get
into the well?



Can animals
get into the river,
stream or spring?



Step 2 : Check for any sources of pollution

Septic
tanks



1

Slurry
landspreading



2

Chemical
storage



3

Fuel
storage tanks



4

Step 3:
Test the supply annually
ideally following wet weather
(treatment may be necessary
if contaminated)

