

Private Water Supplies South Ayrshire 2023.

Did you know that there is a Scottish Government funded grant of financial assistance toward the upgrade of a private water supply? The grant is awarded by your Local Authority, *per property*, and could help towards the installation of new storage facilities, or supply system upgrade, for example. Further information can be found here:

DWQR - <https://dwqr.scot/private-water-supplies/>
<https://www.mygov.scot/housing-local-services/water-supplies-sewerage/private-water-supplies/>

Holiday lets/tourist accommodation/B&B's etc MUST display a notice in the property to inform you that the water is supplied from a private water supply. Further information can be found here – <https://dwqr.scot/private-water-supplies/visiting-holiday-lets-bed-breakfast-properties-on-private-water-supplies/>

Straightforward information on private water supplies can be found at the **mygov.scot** website, by following this link <https://www.mygov.scot/private-water-rights-responsibilities>

If you buy or sell a property with a private water supply, you will need to prove it is safe to use for human consumption.

If you are a Landlord letting out any property with a private water supply, you have a legal requirement to prove it is safe to use for human consumption.

If you rent, are a tenant, or are buying a property that has a private water supply, you have the right to ask for a copy of the most recent test results to find out whether the water is safe before you move in, or are in the property.

All private water supply systems must have a risk assessment carried out, which should identify potential sources of contamination.

If you are a landlord or tenant, or you own or run a business that is served by a private water supply, you have specific responsibilities to ensure staff, visitors, tenants & guests have access to wholesome water.

Your supply -

MUST BE risk assessed by South Ayrshire Council Environmental Health Service at least every 5 years, and the risk assessment must be kept up to date.

MUST be sampled at least once (but not limited to) every year by South Ayrshire Council Environmental Health Service to show that your supply is “wholesome” and complies with all legislation.

MUST have a water safety plan. This lists all the risks for the supply and what is, or has been done to ensure your water supply stays safe.

Must be maintained correctly, and that potential contamination, treatments and storage are protected, and cleaned/replaced regularly

Never let your supply run dry, take measures before this happens.