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## **ANALYSIS COST-SHARE PROGRAM**

### **Program Objectives**

To foster greater awareness and comprehension of natural resources, particularly soil and water, among the residents of the Lower Wind River Conservation District (LWRCD). This initiative aims to facilitate the cost-sharing of expenses for comprehensive testing at accredited analytical laboratories. Recognizing this role as the foundation upon which all Conservation Districts are established, this program seeks to promote informed stewardship of our shared environmental resources.

### **Program Funding & Cost-Share Rates for 2025:**

Due to increasing laboratory fees associated with the water and soil testing programs, a 10% charge of the total price of the tests will be implemented for both services which is outlined below. For questions about what is included with the charge, please contact our office.

- ❖ \$25.00 for one Full Family or Livestock Suitability well water test
  - One per household per year. If more than one test is needed, the total cost of the kit will be paid by the constituent.
- ❖ Bacteria well water tests remain free
- ❖ \$10.00 for one soil test.
  - Multiple soils tests can be completed, however when the total cost of the soil test(s) exceeds \$300.00, the cost of the soil analysis will be paid by the constituent.

### **WELL WATER TESTING**

1. Constituents must first pick up a sampling kit and instructions from the LWRCD office during regular office hours at least one day before the posted testing date. Kits are available anytime.
2. A charge of \$25.00 for livestock and family water tests is due at the time of pickup.
3. Testing dates are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of April, May, and October.
4. Constituents must collect their sample(s) on the same day as the testing date and deliver the sample(s) to the LWRCD office no later than 11:59 a.m. on that day.
5. LWRCD personnel will then transport the sample(s) to Energy Laboratories in Casper, WY.
6. Test results will be sent directly to the constituent upon completion of analysis.
7. If you need a kit and analysis completed outside of our testing dates, constituents are welcome to grab a kit and take it to Energy Laboratories at their convenience.

### **SOIL TESTING**

1. LWRCD provides soil testing through the Stukenholtz Laboratory in Twin Falls, Idaho. Participants can utilize this service through LWRCD by picking up soil bags from our office.
2. A charge of \$10.00 per Stukenholz soil test is due at the time of pickup.
3. Participants are responsible for collecting and delivering their samples to the LWRCD office.
4. Test results will be sent directly to the constituent upon completion of the analysis.
5. Alternatively, participants may collect and mail their samples to a lab of their choice. Upon completion of testing, they can bring their receipts to the LWRCD office for a reimbursement.