

MY WATER TASTES SALTY

LIKELY PROBLEM	HEALTH CONCERN?	OTHER CLUES & CONSIDERATIONS	CONFIRM IT	POSSIBLE FIXES	LICENSE REQUIRED FOR FIX?	STATE FUNDS?	MORE INFO
Road Salt	Possibly, if an individual has been advised to eat a low sodium diet. See the Division of Health Fact Sheet for sodium . There is a nuisance standard for chloride which gives the salty taste.	Was a lot of road salt applied during the winter? Is bedrock close to the ground surface in your area or is the casing pipe in your well shallow?	Test your water for chloride. Contact a laboratory certified by DNR to perform chloride analyses .	Install a liner and drill the well deeper	Yes, licensed Well Drillers .	No	
				Installation of Dept. of Safety and Professional Services approved water treatment device. Devices are listed under contaminants they will remove. Be sure the treatment device chosen is capable of removing the level of contaminant you have in your water.	Yes, treatment devices must be installed by licensed plumbers ; or in some cases may be installed by the owner/occupant of a single family private residence. See plumbing license laws .		
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Malfunctioning Water Softener overloading your septic system, resulting in excess chloride in the groundwater	See above.		See above.	Installation of Dept. of Safety and Professional Services approved water softener.	Yes, treatment devices must be installed by licensed plumbers; or in some cases may be installed by the owner/occupant of a single family private residence. See plumbing license laws .	No	
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Naturally-Occurring Salt	See above.	Is your well constructed into the Precambrian (granite) rock?	See above.	Change the casing depth of your well	Yes, licensed Well Drillers	No	