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GBRA offers special water testing rate for Drinking Water Week

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SEGUIN----In observation of National Drinking Water Week May 7-13, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority will test private well water samples for bacteriological quality at the reduced rate of \$6.00.

"We hope the \$4.00 savings off the regular rate will encourage people who are not on a municipal or private water supply system to have their well water tested to make sure their water is safe to drink," said GBRA director of water quality Debbie Magin.

Public water supplies must test regularly for water quality to insure their treated product meets all state and federal drinking water standards. Magin said private wells are not regulated, however, and should be tested for the presence of bacteria every six months.

"GBRA also has an excellent free brochure that describes common problems that occur with well water and offers solutions to those problems," said Magin.

The brochure, as well as sterile bottles and instructions for gathering a water sample are available at the reception desk in the GBRA General Office at 933 East Court Street in Seguin. Samples must be returned to GBRA between May 7-13 to qualify for the special test rate. Results are available after 24 hours and a report is mailed for each sample tested.

During Drinking Water Week GBRA will take this opportunity to recognize the water plant professionals responsible for handling the day to day operations necessary to bring safe drinking water the public. "We want to make people aware of the outstanding contributions made by water professionals," said Magin. "These individuals undergo extensive training, including a series of rigorous tests and examinations, in order to work in water treatment facilities. Their primary responsibility is to ensure that the treatment process meets all state and federal guidelines. In the case of drinking water, they are our front line protection that ensures a quality product is delivered to your home or business."

GBRA operates drinking water treatment plants for the cities of Luling, Port Lavaca and San Marcos. "We also operate wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Victoria and Lockhart, as well as four smaller plants in GBRA's Rural Utilities Division," said Magin. "We are very proud of our highly-trained, dedicated employees whose job is to make sure that these facilities continue to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to protect everyone's water supplies."