

## Public Swimming Pools

Swimming pools can be the source of many diseases and injuries, so it is important that they are constructed and operated properly.

Environmental Health is responsible for:

- Reviewing plans
- Issuing permits
- Inspecting public swimming pools

## Childcare Facilities, Schools & Camps

The **Children's Environmental Health Program** serves to protect and improve the health of children. Plan review, permitting and inspections reduce environmental health risks in:

- Childcare facilities
- School cafeterias
- Public and private schools
- Camps

### Childhood Lead Prevention Program

Children's Environmental Health also conducts investigations for lead poisoned children and other activities related to child lead poisoning prevention:

- Early source identification
- Surveillance
- Monitoring inspections
- Risk assessments



## Healthy Homes

The conditions in our homes play a vital role in our health. Environmental Health can provide you with information and resources to help keep your family safe and healthy.

Housing-related health symptoms can be caused by:

- Lead
- Moisture and mold
- Pests
- Poor indoor air quality
- Injuries from unsafe conditions

If you are renting, it is important to work with your landlord to create a home that promotes health and well-being.

### Visit our website for:

- Inspection reports for all restaurants and facilities
- Fees list
- Applications for plan reviews, permits, water quality testing, etc.
- Complaint submittal forms
- Additional resources

### For more information, visit:

[unioncountync.gov/environmental-health](http://unioncountync.gov/environmental-health)

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



**Protecting Public Health &  
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## Food Protection, Lodging & Institutions

The **Food, Lodging & Institutions Program** conducts plan review, permitting and inspections of businesses that prepare and sell food to ensure compliance with the NC Food Code. These facilities include:

- Restaurants and Food Stands
- Mobile Food Units and Push Carts
- Temporary Food Establishments
- Limited Food Service Operations
- Others

Food establishments are required to post their inspection score in a prominent place. Inspection scores are available online.



**To protect public health, Lodging and Institutional facilities are also regulated:**

- Nursing Homes and Assisted Living
- Hospitals
- Residential Care and Adult Day Service Facilities
- Hotels, Motels, Bed & Breakfast

Tattooing and permanent make-up facilities are also permitted and inspected by Environmental Health.

## Wells & Water Testing

**About 25% of Union County's population relies on private wells for their drinking water.**

Protecting groundwater ensures a safe and adequate supply of water for well users. Groundwater protection is accomplished through proper location, construction, permitting, and inspection of wells.

**Environmental Health can assist private well owners with their responsibility to maintain safe drinking water.**

Private wells should be checked regularly for:

- Mechanical problems
- Cleanliness
- Contaminants

Testing is the only way to know whether well water is safe to drink, as some contaminants cannot be seen, tasted or smelled.

**Common well water tests are available.**

A trained Environmental Health Specialist will collect the sample(s) and send them to be analyzed at the NC Public Health Laboratory for a fee.

**For a fee schedule, visit [unioncountync.gov/environmental-health](http://unioncountync.gov/environmental-health)**

## On-Site Wastewater (Septic) Systems

The **On-site Water Protection Program** is responsible for the design, permitting and inspection of new systems and the repair of existing systems.

We protect surface and groundwater by:

- Educating residents on water quality, contaminant issues and waterborne diseases.
- Conducting soil and site evaluations to determine suitability for on-site wastewater disposal systems on both residential and commercial properties.
- Evaluating existing on-site wastewater disposal systems for repair or expansion.
- Preparing engineered designs and inspecting installations of new on-site wastewater disposal systems.
- Responding to citizen complaints.

