

**15A NCAC 18A .1611 WATER SUPPLY**

(a) Water supplies at residential care facilities shall meet the requirements in 15A NCAC 18C or 15A NCAC 18A .1700, as applicable. For facilities licensed by the licensing agency before this Rule's effective date, a well that does not meet the setback to building foundation requirements found in 15A NCAC 18A .1720 shall be approved if water sampling in accordance with Paragraph (b) of this Rule indicates the water is safe for human consumption.

(b) In residential care facilities that use a non-community water supply, a sample of water shall be collected by the Department once a year and submitted to the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health or other laboratory certified by the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health under 10A NCAC 41C .0102 to perform bacteriological examinations.

(c) A residential care facility's water supply plumbing shall not include cross-connections as set out in 15A NCAC 18C .0102(c)(8).

(d) Residential care facilities shall provide water heating facilities. Hot and cold running water under pressure shall be provided to carry out all operations. Hot water shall be provided at temperatures between 105 degrees Fahrenheit and 116 degrees Fahrenheit at handwashing and bathing facilities.

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