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## 14 Exciting Garden Varieties

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**How To Test Your Water**

*We Rate 10 Home Purifying Systems*

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# PRODUCT TEST

## WATER SOLUTIONS

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removed almost nothing, regardless of how light or heavy the flow of water.

### Choosing A System

When choosing a home water-filtering system, consider price and ease of use,

not just performance.

The Amway, while clearly the best performer of the bunch, was the most difficult to maintain: It was the only unit that required two people to change the filter. The Amway costs \$10 less than the Neolife to buy and \$10 more than the Multipure, and its filters cost almost

## Where To Find Out What's In The Water

LABORATORY	TEST	PRICE
Aqua Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 1251 West Caldwell, NJ 07006 (201) 227-0422	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Package A: Toxic and cancer-causing chemicals</li> <li>• Package B: pH, water hardness, and 8 inorganic chemicals</li> <li>• Package C: Coliform and bacteria</li> </ul>	<p>\$ 45</p> <p>45</p> <p>20</p>
Hydro-Analysis Associates, Inc. RD 1, Noble St. Extension Kutztown, PA 19530 (215) 683-7474	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total coliform</li> <li>• Basic potability: pH plus 4 inorganic chemicals</li> <li>• Comprehensive test: pH plus 12 inorganic chemicals</li> <li>• Industrial solvents: 24 organic chemicals</li> <li>• Comprehensive and industrial solvents tests</li> <li>• Total coliform and comprehensive and industrial solvents tests</li> </ul>	<p>40*</p> <p>29</p> <p>69</p> <p>29</p> <p>89</p> <p>99*</p>
National Testing Labs, Inc. 6151 Wilson Mills Rd. Cleveland, OH 44143	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bacteria, pH, hardness, THMs, 18 inorganic chemicals and 51 organic chemicals</li> </ul>	89
Suburban Water Testing 4600 Kutztown Rd. Temple, PA 19560 (215) 929-3666, or toll-free (800) 525-6464 in PA, (800) 433-6595 elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial solvents scan (24 organic chemicals), iron, nitrates, detergents, pH, bacteria, and hardness</li> <li>• Same as above without bacteria</li> <li>• Industrial solvents scan</li> </ul>	<p>89</p> <p>77</p> <p>50</p>
WaterTest 33 S. Commercial St. Manchester, NH 03101 (603) 623-7400 or (800) 426-8378	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic test: pH, hardness, 8 inorganic chemicals, and coliform bacteria</li> <li>• Standard test: Hardness, pH, 20 inorganic chemicals, and coliform bacteria</li> <li>• Toxic chemicals and gasoline test: 33 organic chemicals</li> <li>• Test for lead only</li> <li>• Super test: Standard test and toxic chemicals and gasoline test</li> </ul>	<p>55*</p> <p>100*</p> <p>105*</p> <p>32</p> <p>175*</p>

\*Prepaid overnight delivery service included. All others include prepaid postal service, UPS, or equivalent.