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Drinking Water Week is for Testing

Waukesha—We have all been made aware of the importance of having safe drinking water in our homes. Private water well owners can take confidence in their well water when it is tested each year.

During “Drinking Water Week”, May 4 - 10, the Waukesha County Environmental Health Division is reminding private well owners of the importance of water testing. While rarely causing sickness themselves, testing for coliform bacteria is an indicator that other bacteria, viruses and parasites may also be present.

“Clean, safe drinking water is one of the most important elements of good health,” said Paul Tellier, the Environmental Health Division’s Groundwater Program Coordinator.

“Wisconsin has approximately 1 million private wells, most of which are not tested for coliform bacteria and other contaminants on the recommended annual basis. Many of these contaminants can cause sickness in people who drink, bathe or cook with the water.”

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You can obtain water test collection kits from the Environmental Health Division three ways:

- Order by phone for \$22 using Visa/MasterCard by calling (262) 896-8300
- Mail a check for \$22 payable to “Waukesha County” to the address below:
Environmental Health Division
1320 Pewaukee Road, Room 260
Waukesha, WI 53188
- Pick up a kit for \$20, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the address above

For more information about private well water testing, please call the Environmental Health Division at (262) 896-8300.

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