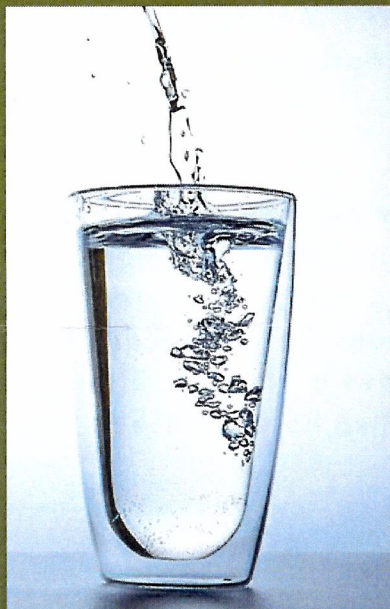


Wisconsin DNR does not require annual tests on private wells but they do recommend that you test your well for contaminants annually to make sure that your family is drinking safe water.



For more information on well water contaminants go to:



PRIVATE WELL WATER TESTING

TESTS OFFERED THROUGH WALWORTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH:

Nitrate

Nitrate is commonly found in areas where fertilization practices are common. Nitrate can cause serious health concerns for pregnant women as well as children and should be tested for every 1-5 years.

Bacteria

Coliform is a bacteria commonly found in wells and can indicate that other bacteria, viruses, and parasites may also be present. E. coli is another commonly found bacteria and can lead to nausea, diarrhea and stomach pains. Both can get into your water through faulty septic systems and should be tested for annually.

Arsenic

Arsenic is commonly found the bedrock and the soil in Wisconsin, but pollution from agriculture and manufacturing can also contain arsenic. Health effects can range from nausea and stomach pain to cancer and heart disease. Arsenic should be tested for annually if previously found in your water.

Lead

Lead may be found in older homes lead piping. Lead is especially dangerous in young children where it can slow down their development, impair their hearing, and cause behavioral issues.

**For any questions, please call:
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