

WELL WATER TESTING PROGRAM

Kanabec County Community Health has received funds from the Minnesota Department of Health to ensure safe drinking water for private well users.

It's recommended that private well users test their drinking water every year for nitrate and coliform bacteria and at least once for arsenic, manganese, and lead.

Both natural sources and human activities can contaminate well water and cause short-term or long-term health effects. Testing your well water is the only way to detect most of the common contaminants in Minnesota groundwater; you cannot taste, see, or smell most contaminants.

Collaborative partnership:



This program will run through December 2026.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Promotes well-water testing for eligible homes who rely on a private well as their primary drinking source.
- Will test water for five common contaminants (arsenic, coliform bacteria, lead, manganese, and nitrate).
- May provide financial assistance to address dangerous levels of any of these detected contaminants and water-quality issues for eligible households.

ELIGIBILITY

- The private well must be the household's main source of drinking water.
- No Well testing done in last 2 years.
- Priorities will be given to households with:
 - Children under the age of 1
 - Pregnant women
 - Residents age 65+
 - Low Income Households
 - Veterans

**Our goal is to assess the overall health of well water across the entire county by promoting water testing in each city and township. To ensure a comprehensive representation, we may limit the number of households tested in each area.*

PROCESS

To find out if you are eligible and/or fill out an application please come into our offices at:

*905 Forest Ave, E. Suite 127, Mora, MN 55051
Monday - Friday, 8:00a - 4:30p*

If eligibility is determined, you will receive a test kit and instruction sheet.

Return the well water sample to Kanabec County Community Health no later than 10:00a on Tuesday or Thursday.

Results of the test will be sent to you and to Kanabec County Community Health. We will reach out to you to discuss results and possible mitigation options based on household income guidelines.

POSSIBLE MITIGATIONS

- Reverse osmosis installation
- Well repair
- Other mitigation efforts as needed

Mitigation efforts may be free or reduced cost based on income.

QUESTIONS

Please contact our office if you have questions regarding this program.

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