

Free Nitrate Screening

Nitrate is the most widespread groundwater contaminant in Portage County. There are a number of potential health risks associated with elevated nitrate levels in drinking water, but it can be especially dangerous for unborn children and infants younger than six months.

It is important for private well owners to understand the current status of their drinking water quality, thus drinking water should be tested annually.

Private well owners are invited to bring in a water sample to be screened for nitrates at this free event during the "Welcome Back to The Lake" meeting on June 17, 2023 from 9 am – 11 am at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES).

How to collect your sample:



1. Identify a source of water that is not connected to a treatment device. An outside faucet works best.
2. Locate a clean container with a lid to collect the water sample. Label the outside with your name or address
3. Allow the water to run five-10 minutes before collecting your sample.
4. Fill the container with about a half cup of water.

Samples will be analyzed on the spot and homeowners will receive their results on-site. The process takes approximately 10-15 minutes and will be completed during the meeting. Or homeowners can drop off their samples in a disposable container labeled with their name and address and results will be mailed to them. Results will only be given to the homeowner.



When

June 17, 2023

9 am – 11 am

During the "Welcome Back to The Lake" Meeting

Where

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES)

10186 County Road MM
Amherst Junction, WI
54407

Who

Anyone who resides on or around Sunset Lake

What to Bring

½ Cup Water sample in a clean container with a lid and labeled with the name and address