



MEDIA RELEASE

LA CROSSE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOLDING WELL WATER TESTING EVENT FOR PRIVATE WELL OWNERS

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According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), private well water should be tested every year for bacteria and nitrate, which are the most common contaminants in Wisconsin wells. In addition, it is recommended that private wells be tested for arsenic and lead at least once every five years. Testing is also advised any time there is a noticeable change in the taste, odor, or appearance of the water, or following flooding.

If test results show the presence of contaminants, residents are encouraged to follow Wisconsin DNR guidance, which may include disinfecting the well, installing treatment systems, or consulting a licensed professional.

Routine water testing is an important step in protecting the health of your household and ensuring access to clean, safe drinking water. The La Crosse County Health Department encourages La Crosse County residents with private wells to routinely test their water.

Private well owners in the Town of Holland are encouraged to take advantage of a well water sampling event hosted by the La Crosse County Health Department. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 3:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Town of Holland Town Hall, located at W7937 County Road MH in Holmen, Wisconsin.

Water samples collected at the event will be brought back to the health department for testing. Payment will be accepted at the time of sample drop-off. Residents may pick up sample bottles in advance. Bottles are available at the La Crosse County Health Department, located at 300 4th St N, 2nd Floor, La Crosse, WI, the Town of Holland Town Hall, and at county libraries in Bangor, Campbell, Holmen, Onalaska, and West Salem.

For more information, contact the La Crosse County Health Department at 608-785-9872 or visit the Wisconsin DNR website at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wells/privateWellTest.html>