



Press Release: Free “Drive Up” Well Water Screening August 24 – 28

For Release the Week of August 16th – 22nd, 2020

Do you know what’s in your drinking water? Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department is teaming up with Country Visions and Rick’s Piggly Wiggly in Kiel to offer a FREE “drive-up” well water nitrate screening the week of August 24-28, 2020. Bring ½ cup well water in a clean bottle to the Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department, located at 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm all week, or to one of 5 drive-up screening sites located across Manitowoc County from 2:00 – 6:00pm. Nitrate, a compound of nitrogen and oxygen, naturally occurs at low levels in our environment. It can also enter groundwater at significantly higher concentrations from fertilizers, manure, septic systems, and sewage treatment practices. Private well owners are encouraged to have their water tested every year. Exposure to high nitrate levels in drinking water can be dangerous to your health, and is particularly harmful to infants and women who are pregnant or may become pregnant.

The Soil & Water Conservation Department, along with the Home & Community Education Association, provided screening at the Manitowoc County Fair since 1994. “Current circumstances have prompted us to rethink how we provide our services,” says Education Coordinator, Tara Wachowski. “This new “drive-up” screening offers a safe, more convenient alternative for the public to have their water screened.” Results and educational material will be given on site at the 5 screening locations. Those residents who drop off water samples to the Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department will receive their results by email or phone call by the next business day. Contact the Soil & Water Conservation Department at 920-683-4183 for more information.

Screening Locations include:

Mon. Aug. 24:	Mishicot Country Store -150 E. Main St. Mishicot	2:00 – 6:00 pm
Tues. Aug. 25:	Branch C-Store -8133 US 10, Whitelaw	2:00 – 6:00 pm
Wed. Aug. 26:	Reedsville Country Store - 305 N 6th St. Reedsville	2:00 – 6:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 27:	Valders C-Store 511 Calumet Dr. Valders	2:00 – 6:00 pm
Fri. Aug. 28:	Rick's Piggly Wiggly - 80 E Park Ave. Kiel	2:00 – 6:00 pm
All Week:	Manitowoc Co. Soil & Water - 4319 Expo Drive Manitowoc	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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