



## Vilas County Land & Water Conservation

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### **FREE Community Well Water Testing Program**

Did you know that it's important to have your groundwater tested periodically? While well water may look, smell and taste clean, the only way to know for sure that it is safe to drink is to have it tested and analyzed by a certified lab. The quality of groundwater can change over time, so it is important to monitor a well every few years.

The Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Department has teamed up with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to provide free well water tests for private landowners of Vilas County. Funding for the project is provided through Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development Council to help pay for 140 groundwater tests – or about 10 free tests per township (not to include sites serviced by municipal well water). Permanent or seasonal residents are eligible to participate, they only need to own property within Vilas County.

The deadline for registration is coming up fast. There are still some openings available for residents of Arbor Vitae, Boulder Junction, Conover, Lac du Flambeau, Land O Lakes, Manitowish Waters, Phelps, Plum Lake, Presque Isle, or Winchester. Call the Land and Water Conservation office at 715-479-3747 by July 23, 2011.

Residents will need to pick up water bottles prior to the sampling date, collect their water sample on Monday morning August 8, 2011 and drop it off the same morning at one of

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several designated points throughout the county. Participants will then be invited to participate in an education workshop in September to learn more about their well and the quality of groundwater resources in Vilas County.

Participants will be under no obligation to take corrective action regardless of the test results and individual test results will remain confidential. For more information or to register, contact the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Department at (715) 479-3747.

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