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Do you know what's in your well water?

March 11-15, 2024, is National Ground Water Awareness Week and if you are a private well owner, it is a great time to think about testing a sample of your tap water to be sure it is safe to drink. Did you know that 30% of Wisconsin households depend on a private well for drinking water? The Oneida County Health Department, Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recommend that you test your water annually for bacteria and nitrate. Testing for arsenic should be done at least once and yearly if arsenic was present in previous tests. Oneida County Health Department is offering discounted water test kits for purchase March 11th through March 15th at the following prices:

Bacteria: \$20 (savings of \$5)

Nitrate: \$25

Arsenic: \$30

All 3 tests: \$65 (total savings of \$10 from regular kit pricing)

Test kits can be picked up from 8:00am-4:30pm Monday through Friday at the Oneida County Health Department, 100 W Keenan St, Rhinelander. After collecting your water sample, kits can be dropped off at the Health Department from 8:00am-4:00pm Monday-Wednesday for analysis and are not required to be returned the week of the sale. The Health Department does not offer PFAS analysis.

Households with pregnant women or infants may be eligible for free testing. To learn more, contact Oneida County WIC office at (715) 369-6109.

For more information regarding water testing, water quality, and PFAS, please see Oneida County Health Department link: <https://publichealth.co.oneida.wi.us/services/environmental-health/>

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