



# HOW SAFE IS YOUR WELL WATER?

**Find out by participating in UW-Extension's first well water testing program in the Town of Farmington.**

**WHO:** Town of Farmington residents and/or landowners are eligible on a first-come-first-served reservation basis (limit 150). Phone Helen at UW-Extension in West Bend at 262-335-4480 to reserve a sample bottle.

**WHAT:** 8 water tests performed by certified lab at UW-Stevens Point (Bacteria-Coliform and Nitrogen-Nitrates included)

**WHEN:** Sample bottle pick-up on Friday, April 24th, 7:30am - 6:00pm.  
Sample bottle drop-off on Monday, April 27th, 7:00am - 6:00pm.

*Results and Educational Session to follow in May or June 2009*

**WHERE:** Farmington Town Hall

**COST:** \$42

Can't participate in April? Call the County Land & Water Conservation office at 262-335-4800 to pick up a sample kit at your convenience. (They also have info on private labs in the area.)



Coordinator: Kevin Struck, UW-Extension Washington Co. 262-335-4480

**“Homeowner’s Package”** includes the following 8 tests:

(Limit one package per household.)

1. Bacteria-Coliform
2. Hardness
3. Alkalinity
4. Conductivity
5. pH
6. Saturation Index (water’s ability to corrode)
7. Chloride
8. Nitrogen-Nitrates

[I will also be offering an opportunity during sample bottle pickup for individuals to pick up an additional sample bottle if they are also interested in doing the “Metals Package.” For another \$42 charge, their water will be tested for arsenic, calcium, copper, iron, lead, magnesium, manganese, potassium, sodium, sulfate, and zinc.]

Note: The \$12 water testing kits available at places like Wal-Mart are better than nothing but not nearly as accurate as a certified lab test. The retail store kits give “ballpark” results. Furthermore, the re-agents in the kits could be old and ineffective; you don’t know how long the kit has been sitting on the shelf at the store.

**DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS for how to properly sample their water** will be provided when they pick up their sample bottle at the Farmington Town Hall on April 24.

Town of Farmington residents/landowners may call and make reservations for one other household besides their own.

Neighbors, friends, and relatives may pick up and/or drop off sample bottles for others as long as reservations have been made in advance.