

PRESS RELEASE

Well-water testing offered by Stephenson SWCD – Rescheduled!



The Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a Well Water Testing Program October 28 through November 4, 2020.

As with everything in 2020 our program has been pushed back due to COVID-19 and we will be handling the program differently. We will be selling kits from the entryway since customers are not currently allowed into the office. Please call the office at 815-235-2141 extension 3 when you arrive to purchase kits. Personal checks would be the best method of payment if possible.

The program, which tests drinking and well water for nitrates, certain pesticides, and 22 different heavy metals, has been organized as a drive to keep costs down.



Pesticide screening now contains testing for glyphosate (Roundup).

Kits will be sold from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 28 through Wednesday, November 4, at the SWCD office, 1620 S. Galena Avenue. Participants are asked to take water samples either Thursday, November 5th or the morning of Friday, November 6th and return the kits to the District office by Noon, Friday, November 6. Water samples for all tests will be immediately shipped to the laboratory.

Prices will vary, depending on the type of test ordered. Any test or combination of tests may be ordered.

A confidential report of the results will be mailed directly to the home or farm owner within six to eight weeks.

PurTest® Bacteria self testing kit is available from the District for \$20.00. This is not part of the regular testing kits.

For more information, call the SWCD office at 815-235-2141, ext. 3, or visit the SWCD website; www.stephensonswcd.org