



## Community Development

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For Immediate Release – Community Events Calendar

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### **DRINKING WATER SCREENING CLINICS SCHEDULED FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Residents of St. Croix County are encouraged to take advantage of free drinking water screening clinics offered by the St. Croix County Community Development Department. The free nitrate screening clinics will be offered at three locations, please see below, for greater convenience to residents. This program is offered to educate homeowners on how to monitor and protect their drinking water supply.

The clinics are open to homeowners, businesses, renters, farmers, etc. private or public wells.

Participants are asked to bring in about eight ounces in a closed container, preferably glass, collected within 24 hours of the clinic event. It is important to run the tap for 10 to 15 minutes on cold at full flow before collecting the sample. A video tutorial is available on the County website, [sccwi.gov](http://sccwi.gov), "What's Happening" section found at the bottom of the home page.

Participants who have more than one private well may bring in a sample from each well and may also bring in samples from family and friends. If someone has a water treatment system, such as reverse osmosis, they may bring in a sample pre and post treatment, contact the county for further assistance if needed, 715-386-4674 or [Nathaniel.baeumler@sccwi.gov](mailto:Nathaniel.baeumler@sccwi.gov).

Most rural residents rely on a private wells for their drinking water. Owning a private well is a responsibility and ensuring your water supply is safe is the homeowners' responsibility. If you have a private well, you should test your water annually, even if you do not observe any smells, staining or changes in the taste of your drinking water. The clinics are screening only for nitrate-

nitrogen because of growing water quality concerns and potential health risks to pregnant women and children under the age of 6 months.

Participants will receive immediate results and be provided information on how to interpret those results and follow-up suggestions. No personal information is required to participate in one of the test clinics.

To have your water tested for nitrate-nitrogen, please consider attending one of the following screening clinics:

July 23 9-3:30, Baldwin Agriculture and Education Center

July 30 9-3:30, Hudson Government Center

August 20, 9-3:30, New Richmond Services Center

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