

Community Development

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St. Croix County Community Development Department is expanding its Citizen Groundwater Monitoring Program. This program is looking for 204 participants to voluntarily work with the County and have their water tested at the County's expense over the next five years. The goal of this program is to assess the health of groundwater within the County and to provide homeowners with updated information regarding drinking water safety.

Your participation will help us reach our goal of better understanding the health of our groundwater/drinking water supply. More information about the Groundwater Monitoring program is outlined below:

- This is a five (5) year study, funded by St. Croix County (\$150 value)
- Analysis includes nitrate-nitrogen, chloride, alkalinity, hardness, pH, DACT (atrazine herbicide)
- Well water samples will be collected annually, in the fall (September-October)

To participate:

- The well to be sampled must be a private well within County boundaries.
- You will need to provide depth of your well and well casing
 - This information is used to understand what aquifer the sample represents.
 - For assistance call 715-531-1906
- Collect a water sample, per instructions and return sample on a specific date to a predetermined drop off location (determined at a later date).
- Water samples must be taken prior to any treatment at the home (if applicable) such as water softener and reverse osmosis systems.
- Commit to sampling once per year for five years.

To express your interest in being involved, use the link below to determine if your location in the County is still available (the grid), and then complete the survey to register for the program. https://www.sccwi.gov/921/Citizen-Groundwater-Monitoring-Program

- <u>View the County grid map</u> to determine if your well location is still available. This grid will be updated each morning with current information regarding availability.
- <u>Complete the Homeowner Participation Survey</u>, you will be contacted by the County mid to later September to confirm your involvement.