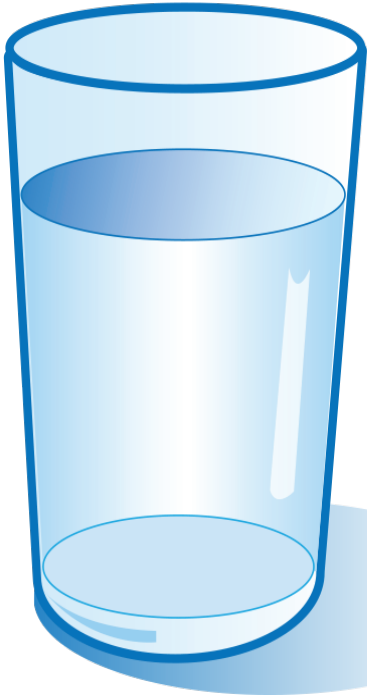


*Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District*

# Free Nitrate Water Testing

Sherburne SWCD will now offer free well water testing at the Elk River office.



## Nitrate Testing Available

8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

The SWCD office is located at  
14855 Highway 10 in Elk River.

Nitrate is a common contaminant found in many wells throughout Minnesota. Shallow wells, dug wells, and wells with damaged or leaking casings are the most vulnerable to nitrate contamination. Major sources of nitrate contamination can be from fertilizers, animal waste, and human sewage. It is highly recommended to test your drinking water supply on a regular basis.

To take your sample, run your cold tap for three minutes then collect about one cup of water in a plastic baggie (double bag) or clean jar. Keep the water cool until it is ready to be tested. Water can be collected anytime within one day of testing.

Testing will take place onsite with results typically available within 5-10 minutes. Test results may remain anonymous. Water samples showing an elevated level of nitrate will be encouraged to retest for nitrates and bacteria at a certified water lab. The well water samples will only be tested for nitrate.

**For more information, call 763-241-1170 x 4.**



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