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### **Pesticide Jug Recycling and Water Screening**

Huron Conservation District will be conducting a Pesticide Jug Collection on Monday, August 26th from 7:30 a.m. until noon. at the USDA Service Center located at 1460 S. Van Dyke Bad Axe.

Pesticide containers can be up to 55 gallons in size, they must have the loose paper labels and caps removed and be power washed or triple rinsed. Jugs that are stained will be accepted, but jugs that contain pesticide residue will be rejected. All jugs will be inspected. Jugs can be tied together with rope, string or baler twine, or large plastic bags are available at no cost at the Huron Conservation District office.

Also taking place at the same time and location is a well water nitrate screening. Samples from private drinking water wells will be screened for nitrates. The screening is open to everyone who uses a personal well for drinking water and there is no charge to the participant.

Obtain your sample from a tap that supplies water that has not run through any treatment devices (water softener, carbon filter, etc.). An outdoor faucet often works well. Run the water for about 20 minutes before collecting the sample. Rinse the sample bottle (any clean bottle will work) and lid thoroughly in the water to be sampled, then fill and cap the bottle.

You can get more information from The Huron Conservation District Office at 989-269-9540 ext. 3, or from the Huron Conservation District website at [www.huroncd.org](http://www.huroncd.org). A water screening information form can be obtained at this site.

## 2019 HURON CONSERVATION DISTRICT WELL WATER SCREENING

The Huron Conservation District will screen drinking water well samples for nitrate on Monday, August 26, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The screening is sponsored by the Huron Conservation District and the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). It is paid for by funds generated from Michigan pesticide and fertilizer registration and tonnage fees. There is no fee to participants for this service.

Samples from drinking water wells will be screened for nitrate and nitrite. The screening is open to everyone who uses a personal well for drinking water; however, the number of samples that can be tested is limited to 2. Bring your samples to the Huron Conservation District office located in the USDA Service Center at 1460 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, MI.

This service is for private drinking water wells only. Public water supplies are tested regularly. Please do **not** bring samples from public water supplies or non-drinking water sources. Only drinking water well samples will be tested. You do not have to use a special bottle for this screening. Any small clean jar will work—one ounce of water is enough.

Please follow the directions below to sample your well. **Collect samples just before getting them to the sample drop-off. Samples must be less than 48 hours old for a valid nitrate result.**

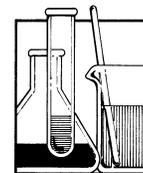
1. Fill out the water Sample Information Sheet.
2. Pick a tap that supplies water that has not run through any treatment devices (water softener, carbon filter, etc.). An outdoor faucet often works well.
3. Run the water for 20-30 minutes before collecting the sample. This will give the pump time to flush the water pressure tank and plumbing so you can collect a valid sample. Disconnect any hoses before collecting the sample; do not sample through a hose. Rinse the sample bottle and lid thoroughly in the water to be sampled; then fill and cap the bottle.
4. Label the bottle clearly with your name, the sampling date, and the well name (cottage well, Mom's well, etc.) using a waterproof pen. Put the sample information sheet into a waterproof bag, and then seal the water sample and the information into a second waterproof bag.
5. Keep the sample dark and cold (on ice or refrigerated) until it is dropped off.

All results are confidential. You will be mailed a copy of your results in 8 to 10 weeks, with information about what to do if the concentration of nitrate or nitrite is too high.

You can get more information from The Huron Conservation District Office at 989-269-9540 ext. 3, or from the Huron Conservation District website at; [www.huroncd.org](http://www.huroncd.org)



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**MI AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM  
2019 DRINKING WATER WELL SCREENING  
SAMPLE INFORMATION SHEET**

**Please complete this form and turn it in with your well water sample.  
Complete one form for each sample submitted.  
Please write clearly!**

<b>Sample Code Number</b> <i>(Please Leave Blank)</i>
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Sampling Address** (where sample was taken)

**Mailing Address for Results** (if different)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Date Sampled: \_\_\_\_\_

Sampling Point: *It is very important to identify the sample clearly with a name (cottage well, mom's well, etc.)* \_\_\_\_\_

Well depth, feet (estimate if unknown) \_\_\_\_\_ Age of well, years: (estimate if unknown) \_\_\_\_\_

Well diameter (circle the correct figure, estimate if not known): 2" 4" 5" 6" Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do any pregnant women or infants under 6 months old regularly live in this home? Y N

if **No**, skip this line. If **Yes**, do they drink the water supplied by this well? Y N

Please indicate the distance in feet from the well to:

- Nearest farmed field (not pasture) \_\_\_\_\_
- Nearest pasture with grazing livestock \_\_\_\_\_
- Nearest septic system drain field \_\_\_\_\_
- Nearest animal yard/feedlot (horse, cattle, chickens, pigs, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Nearest pesticide or fertilizer storage or mixing area \_\_\_\_\_
- Nearest inland lake or pond \_\_\_\_\_

Please put a check by the best description of your general soil texture:

Very coarse/sand   
  Sandy loam   
  Silt loam   
  Loamy or sandy clay  
 Heavy clay   
  Organic/muck   
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle or describe the main land uses within half a mile of your well (row crop, pasture, orchard, forest, rural residential, suburban, commercial, industrial, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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