



## TOWN OF HULL

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TO: Resident of/near the Stroik & Emerald Forest Subdivisions  
FROM: John Holdridge, Chairperson-Town of Hull & Hull Water Committee  
DATE: November 19, 2015

Dear Private Well Owners of/near the Stroik & Emerald Forest Subdivisions:

As you probably know, the Somers' family which owns the eighty (80) acres of forested land directly to the northwest of your residence recently received approval from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to install a high capacity well on their property. For now, they have not installed the well nor clear cut their land but may at some time in the future plant vegetable crops on the eighty (80) acres. Should that happen, many of us are concerned about the impact on the drinking water in the Stroik and Emerald Forest Subdivisions as well as properties near those areas, both in terms of the quality and quantity of the household water supply.

To obtain baseline data on water quality, the Town of Hull through the Hull Water Committee is offering a water testing opportunity for households in/near the Stroik and Emerald Forest Subdivisions. The purpose of the testing program is to give homeowners in/near these two subdivisions the opportunity to learn about the quality of their drinking water. In addition, by testing a large number of wells at the same time, the Town of Hull hopes to gain a better understanding of the current levels of nitrates, chloride and bacteria in these areas. As mentioned above, testing a large number of wells at this time will allow Hull to establish a baseline for water quality. The baseline will be useful for comparing future water quality results.

In addition, in order to monitor quantity of the well water once the high capacity well becomes operational, the Town has established a number of monitoring wells in the area to establish baseline data on the depth to water. Also, these monitoring wells will be used to test water quality in the area.

The testing fee is normally \$49 which covers coliform bacteria, nitrates, total hardness, PH and conductivity. The Town is offering to cover a portion of the water testing fee to encourage participation. For this testing event, you would be able to have your water tested for \$37, a discount of \$12 from the normal price. The total package is called "The Homeowner Package." Please pay the \$37 testing fee when you pick up the sample bottle.

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Water Testing-In/Near Stroik & Emerald Forest Subdivisions

If you agree to participate, we ask that you pick up a sample kit from the Town Hall beginning Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. The sample would need to be dropped off at the Hull Municipal Building at a later date. The sampling period will run from Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 11, 2015.

Two active members of the Hull Water Committee, Mike Bohlman of the Emerald Forest Subdivision and Matt Johnson of the Stroik Subdivision can be contacted. Please feel free to contact them directly should you have questions about the testing. Mike lives at 4501 Emerald Lane and his phone number is 715-343-9790. Matt lives at 1844 Meadow Drive and his phone number is 715-321-1820.

Please see additional details of drop off location, hours of pickup and obtaining the results of the testing on the attached blue sheet.

You will receive a copy of the results after the water testing is complete at a meeting January 7, 2016 at the Town of Hull Municipal Building. The results will be used by the Town of Hull officials to better understand water quality and quantity in the area. The data collected will be analyzed in the aggregate and not shared at the parcel level except to the households being tested. If you would like to participate, please pick up the sample water bottles beginning on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Hull Municipal Building.

Feel free to contact the Town of Hull at 715-344-8280 with any questions.

Thank you on behalf of the Hull Water Committee!



John Holdrige, Chairperson

JH/bjb  
Attachment

# What's in YOUR Well Water?

## Why test your drinking water?

Most private wells provide a clean, safe supply of water. However, contaminants can pollute private wells, and unfortunately you cannot see, smell or taste most contaminants. Health officials recommend testing your drinking water **annually** for coliform bacteria – or anytime you notice a sudden change in color, odor or taste.

This program, offered by the Town of Hull is completely voluntary. The Water and Environmental Analysis Lab located on the UWSP campus will conduct a basic set of tests specifically the lab's recommended Homeowner Package. The Homeowner Package normally cost \$49 and includes accurate tests for:

- Total Coliform Bacteria
- Nitrate-Nitrogen
- pH
- Alkalinity
- Total Hardness
- Chloride
- Conductivity
- Corrosivity

The Homeowner Package (\$49) is recommended annually for households drinking private well water. There are also tests available for Metals (42) and Atrazine (\$27). More information about these options is available upon request or at the Hull Town Hall as you purchase your sampling bottle.

Coliform Bacteria is the most important test to perform regularly on a private well. It tells you whether the water system is producing sanitary or bacteriologically safe water. Nitrate testing is particularly important if the well provides drinking water for pregnant women or infants. Everyone is encouraged to avoid long term consumption of water containing high levels of nitrates. Wells within ¼ mile of fertilized agricultural fields or wells located in an area where many of the neighboring homes are served by septic systems should be tested for nitrate.

The Town of Hull is pleased to provide this convenient opportunity for you to test and learn about your water. The data collected through this effort will be used by Hull officials to better understand water quality in the area including sources of contaminants. Data will be analyzed in the aggregate and not shared at the parcel level except to the household being tested.

## Here's How to Participate:

- Pick up a water sampling bottle at the Hull Town Hall (4550 Wojcik Memorial Drive) any weekday between 7:30AM and 4:00PM, from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Pay your testing fee (\$37) when you pick-up the sampling bottle. The \$37 is a \$12 discount from the normal fee of \$49. Please make your check out to "The Town of Hull."
- Following the sampling instructions provided with the bottle, **collect your water sample on a scheduled collection day – NOT BEFORE - and promptly bring it to the Hull Town Hall.** From there it will be refrigerated and delivered to the lab for you. Collection days are Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday **between 7:30AM to 4:00PM** on the following dates only: November 30<sup>th</sup>; December 1, 2, 7, 8 & 9.
- Water test results will be given to you and explained at an educational program, Thursday, January 7, 2016 at the Hull Town Hall from 6:00PM to 7:30PM.

For information, visit [www.townofhull.us](http://www.townofhull.us); contact the Town of Hull at 715-344-8280 or [townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov](mailto:townofhull@tn.hull.wi.gov).



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## Town of Hull Drinking Water Testing & Education Program

The Town of Hull is offering a **drinking water testing and education program** to residents of the Stroik and Emerald Forest Subdivision. This is a convenient opportunity for you to test your well water and learn about potential water quality concerns and techniques to keep your drinking water safe for your family.

If you choose to participate, the testing fee is \$37 for the basic testing package. Drinking water sample collection days are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 11, 2015.

Your test results will be given to you at an educational program where a specialist from the Center for Watershed Science and Education at UW-Stevens Point will discuss the results and answer any questions you may have. The program is scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2016 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. If you cannot attend the program your results will be mailed to you following the program.

**Most water quality problems cannot be detected through taste, smell or sight. It is up to you, the owner of the private well to test the water regularly.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** The above information is provided by the University of Wisconsin Extension

