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**Limited-time discounted well water testing offered at the Health Department**

**Eau Claire – April 2, 2026** – Anyone who uses a private well can get their drinking water tested for nitrate, bacteria, and more at a discounted price at the Health Department this April.

To get prepared, pick up your water sample kit at the department now! Anyone who **returns** their water sample to our office between Monday, April 13 and Thursday, April 23 will get a discount on certain tests.

Water testing is available to homeowners, cabin owners or vacation homeowners with private wells in all counties. **You don't need to live in Eau Claire County to have your water tested here.** The Health Department lab offers several kinds of well water tests. Two “bundles” of tests will be discounted April 13–23:

- **Bacteria and nitrate bundle: \$40** (normal price \$54, save \$14). Includes bacteria and nitrate testing. Recommended yearly for all private well users. Bacteria or nitrate tests can also be purchased separately for \$20 each.
- **Homeowners PREMIUM bundle: \$110** (normal price \$155, save \$45). Includes bacteria and nitrate testing, plus testing for metals – arsenic, copper, manganese, lead, iron, hardness, aluminum, antimony, barium, beryllium, cadmium, cobalt, chromium, nickel, potassium, selenium, sodium, silver, thallium, and zinc. Recommended for any private well user, especially if you haven't tested for metals in the last 5 years.

**There are three steps to getting your water tested:**

1. Pick up a water sample kit at the Health Department office (720 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Eau Claire) during business hours (Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm). Or request a water sample kit online at [wells.ehealthdepartment.org](http://wells.ehealthdepartment.org) (mailing fee applies).
2. Follow the directions to fill up the kit at your home.
3. **To get the discounted pricing, return the water sample and your payment to the Health Department between April 13-23 (please note, water samples are not accepted on Fridays).** Return the kit as soon as possible, or within 24 hours of collecting your water sample. Your test results will be emailed or mailed to you. If you have any questions, call the Health Department at 715-839-2870.

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