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Health Department seeks participants to test well water for lead

Are you on a private well? Does your well water contain lead? Lead is harmful to health – especially the health of children.

Drinking water systems in cities can contain lead, but we do not know if lead is found in private well water in Illinois. We are looking for volunteers who live in Kane County to help answer that question.

The Kane County Health Department has teamed up with researchers at the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University to find out if lead is a problem here. If you want to participate, you will provide a well water sample for testing and complete a questionnaire about water use in your home. The researchers will let you know if the well water in your home has lead. Participation is free.

Even though the Health Department is helping to recruit people for the study, the tests' results will not be shared with any government agency, including the Health Department. Researchers will send the homeowner information about what can be done to reduce lead levels if the results indicate a high level.

If you would like to be a part of the study, or want to learn about this study, please contact Diane Dawson at (630) 264-7696, or DawsonDiane@co.kane.il.us.

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