

2018 KALAMAZOO CONSERVATION DISTRICT WELL WATER SCREENING

The Kalamazoo Conservation District will be screening well water samples for nitrate during the annual spring tree sale event. The screening is sponsored by the Kalamazoo 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. Bring your sample to the Conservation District tree sale tent located at our office at **5950 Portage Road in Portage**. Additional information and forms are available at www.kalamazooconservation.org.

Screening will take place during our 2018 Annual Tree Sale pick-up:

Friday, April 20th between 9 am - 6 pm and on Saturday, April 21st 2018 between 8 am - noon.

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 which is available on-line at www.kalamazooconservation.org or available at office when sample is delivered.
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 about 10-15 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
4. Keep your sample cool until you drop it off.

Your screening will be completed while you wait. All results are confidential.

You can get more information from The Kalamazoo Conservation District Office

269-382-5121 ext. 5.



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