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Florence County Celebrates Drinking Water Week 2024

[Florence, WI] –

Florence County joins communities across North America in celebrating Drinking Water Week, an annual observance led by the American Water Works Association. Taking place May 5-11 this year, Drinking Water Week serves to highlight the importance of safe drinking water and recognize the tireless efforts of water professionals who keep it flowing around the clock in our communities.

Florence County Health Department is observing Drinking Water Week by offering a reduced cost for bacteriological, nitrate and arsenic drinking water tests. May 6-9th, Florence County residents can collect and drop off a water samples at the health department for \$5 off each sample (bacteria- \$30, nitrate or arsenic- \$35)! Residents are encouraged to call the department prior to dropping samples off to assure the lab analyst is on site. Water sample bottles and instructions for collection can be picked up at Florence County Health Department any time Monday thru Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm.

This year's celebration also coincides with a historic milestone – the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in the United States, a landmark law designed to safeguard the public by setting high drinking water quality standards. The SDWA provides a scientific framework to identify potential risks to drinking water and address them in partnership with states and water utilities.

To commemorate the week, water utilities, water organizations, government entities, environmental advocates, schools and others throughout North America are encouraging consumers to learn more about the importance of water services and water infrastructure, especially in times of crisis. For more information, visit [American Water Works Association](#) or [Drinking Water Week \(CDC\)](#).

For more information about well water testing, contact Amber at the Florence County Health Department at 715-528-3428, located in the Courthouse at 501 Lake Avenue. The department is open 8:30-4:30pm Monday through Thursday.

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