

Media Release

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Important Information for residents of Lanark Village about drinking water

Previous water sampling studies conducted over many years in the Village of Lanark have shown that the ground water quality is not predictable. Some wells fed by this source are contaminated with bacteria that can cause illness or have elevated nitrate levels which can be hazardous to infants 6 months or younger. **The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit wishes to remind residents and property owners that water quality continues to be an issue.**

“While the Health Unit and the local municipality work towards a permanent solution to this problem, it is important that a safe source of water is used by all residents,” says Dr. Anne Carter, Medical Officer of Health. **“Residents should take action immediately to ensure that the water they are using for drinking, preparing food, dishwashing and dental and personal hygiene is safe,”** Carter advises.

Information to assist property owners and residents will be arriving in the mail and will also be available at the municipal office, the Health Unit office in Smiths Falls and on the Health Unit website.

For more information, contact a public health inspector in Smiths Falls at 613-283-2740 or the Township of Lanark Highlands at 613-259-2398 or visit the Health Unit Website at www.healthunit.org.

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