



LANARK VILLAGE WATER SURVEY

The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit is pleased to notify the residents of Lanark Village that the summary report regarding the large scale water survey conducted in October 2011 has been completed and provided to the CAO and Mayor of Lanark Highlands. The report is also available on the health unit website at www.healthunit.org for those who wish to review it.

The study was conducted in collaboration with the Township of Lanark Highlands as part of a review of the existing village-wide Boil Water Advisory. **The purpose of the study was to assess the quality of the raw well water going into private homes, the quality of the water residents were drinking and how often the residents were testing their drinking water.**

The report concludes: “that many homes have safe water for drinking even if they don’t have treated water. There are some wells showing varying levels of contamination with E. coli that are dispersed amongst those homes who submitted samples. Several of the wells with poor water quality results may be influenced by contaminants in surface runoff and may be at higher risk of contamination during periods of wet weather. While some homeowners are testing their well water used for drinking, more are encouraged to do so, on a regular basis to ensure their water supply is safe to drink throughout the year.”

Based on the findings of this survey, Dr. Paula Stewart has lifted the Boil Water Advisory for Lanark Village as a whole. While many homes did have satisfactory water test results, about 30% did not and they need to continue to boil their water for one minute before drinking the water, or install a treatment system to remove the bacterial contamination. Other homes that did not participate in the survey need to sample their water at least three times to determine if their water is safe to drink.

As announced in February, 2012, the health unit has partnered with local businesses to set up additional water bottle pick up and sample drop off points to increase accessibility to this service for the residents of Lanark County. **A complete list of water sample drop off points is available at www.healthunit.org.**

The Health Unit wishes to thank the residents of Lanark Village for their participation in this survey.

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