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North Kawartha and Trent Lakes Well Water Sampling Program Resumes April 9

Spring Melt Brings Higher Risk for Bacterial Contamination in Well Water

Well water sampling drop off program resumes Tuesday, April 9 in the Township of North Kawartha and the Municipality of Trent Lakes. The program offers free sample collection kit pick-up and sample drop-off through these municipal offices.

Beginning Tuesday, April 9, 2024, water samples can be dropped off at,

- **North Kawartha Municipal Office** located at 280 Burleigh Street, Apsley, ON, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and,
- **Trent Lakes Municipal Office** located at 760 County Road 36, Trent Lakes, ON, Tuesday and Thursdays between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Samples are then couriered to the Public Health Ontario Lab in Peterborough for testing. Empty sample bottles can be picked up any time during regular business hours.

Well water testing is recommended twice a year, Spring and Fall. The samples are tested for two types of bacterial contamination: total coliforms and *E. coli*. Anyone can become ill if they consume contaminated water, but young people, older adults, and immuno-compromised individuals are at higher risk.

Samples must be dropped off to the municipal offices within 24 hours of collection to ensure they reach the lab and are processed in a timely manner. Residents are encouraged to carefully read the sampling and collection instructions included with each kit. Filled sample bottles should be delivered to the front desk at the municipal office. Staff will then place it in a fridge until collected by the courier.

Water samples can also be dropped off at the following locations:

- **Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Township Office**, 1 Ottawa Street, Havelock, from Monday through Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- **Peterborough Public Health**, 185 King Street, Peterborough, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Fridays.
- **Public Health Ontario Laboratory**, 99 Hospital Drive weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Residents will receive water quality results by mail or can call Public Health Ontario's Interactive Voice Response at 1-877-723-3426. If you have questions about your test results, please call the PPH Safe Water Program at 705-743-1000, ext. 232, for more information.

To learn more about well water safety, visit www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca and search for "well water safety".

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