

## Tips for Flooded Wells

**Whitehall**—Trempealeau County health officials recommend taking health and safety precautions with flooded wells.

**“Do not drink water** from a private well that has been submerged by flood waters until the well has been tested safe for bacteria,” said Barb Barczak, Trempealeau County public health officer. After flood waters drop, consider the well contaminated. You can test the well water using a water test kit. If your private well has been flooded, please call the Trempealeau County Health Department at 715-538-2311 ext 220 to ask about a test kit. If the water tests positive for bacteria, disinfect the well, and test the water again.

Information on how to test and disinfect your well and water system can be found on the Department of Natural Resources website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Wells/flood.html>

For more flood information please visit:

- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p0/p00631.pdf>
- <https://share.health.wisconsin.gov/ph/pca/SitePages/Flooding.aspx>

If you have questions, please contact the Trempealeau County Health Department at 715-538-2311 ext 220.