



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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Well water can be contaminated by flood waters. Do not drink, prepare foods and/or bathe using well water if your property has been affected by flood water. It is common for water wells to become contaminated during flooding as flood water can pass into your well. Until testing has been completed and results show the water to be safe, residents should refrain from drinking, preparing food, and/or bathing in potentially contaminated well water.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit recommends using bottled, boiled or treated water during this time to prevent illness. Bringing water to a rolling boil for one minute will kill most organisms, unless you suspect or are informed that the water is contaminated with chemicals, then find another sources of water.

Once the flood waters recede, residents can drop off well water samples at locations around Renfrew County. These locations can be found at RCDHU website. For more information visit: <https://www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/safe-water/>.

A fact sheet with more information can be found at: <https://www.rcdhu.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Fact-Sheet-What-you-can-do-during-and-after-a-flood.pdf>. General information regarding emergency preparedness can be found at: <https://www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/emergency-preparedness/>.

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