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# Hancock County Health Department

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## Private Well Water Nitrate Screening Form

As of January 1, 2016, the Illinois Department of Public Health State Laboratory is no longer conducting nitrate analyses on water supplies. Because nitrates and nitrites are not a widespread problem in Illinois, the state laboratories have shifted their resources to other needed services. This decision was made by the state and is out of the control of local health departments.

The Hancock County Health Department (HCHD) will screen for nitrates and nitrites in private well water. The screening will provide a very basic analysis to determine nitrate levels in residential well water. However, the Hancock County Health Department does not have a certified laboratory, therefore, any screening results will be considered UNOFFICIAL and cannot be used for legal purposes.

This service would not be appropriate for home daycares or non-community water supplies. See the list of certified labs on the back side of this page.

The Hancock County Health Department (HCHD) will provide UNOFFICIAL screenings for nitrates in water samples on Monday-Wednesday of each week. The bottle must be filled the same day that it is hand-delivered to the Hancock County Health Department. Bottles must be submitted before 1:00PM to allow appropriate time for analysis.

To have analysis completed by the Hancock County Health Department:

1. Complete and sign this form
2. Fill the bottle provided by the Hancock County Health Department
3. Place form and filled bottle in provided box
4. Return the bottle and form between 8am-1:00pm Monday-Wednesday to:

**Hancock County Health Department ~ 671 Wabash Ave. ~ Carthage, IL 62321**

### Supply Information:

Supply Name/Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date Collected \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

Supply Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Collected By \_\_\_\_\_

### Send Results to:

Email  Mail  Fax

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understand, as stated above, that the water screening for nitrates is UNOFFICIAL and is not a certified quantitative test.**

Signature Required \_\_\_\_\_



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|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Official Use Only:</b> |                |                | Screening #: _____             |
| Findings (in ppm):        | Nitrate: _____ | Nitrite: _____ | Analysis By: _____ Date: _____ |

## Laboratories Certified to Test Nitrates & Nitrites in Drinking Water

Other labs are also available. Visit <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/drinking-water/private-well-users/accredited-labs/index> to see a complete list of accredited labs in Illinois.

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| <p>Pace Laboratories, Inc.<br/>2231 W. Altorfer Drive<br/>Peoria, IL 61615<br/>Telephone: (309) 692-9688<br/><a href="http://www.pacelabs.com">www.pacelabs.com</a></p> | <p>Prairie Analytical Systems, Incorporated<br/>1265 Capital Airport Drive<br/>Springfield, IL 62707-8413<br/>Contact: Kristen Potter<br/>Telephone: (217) 753-1148<br/><a href="http://www.prairieanalytical.com">www.prairieanalytical.com</a></p> |
| <p>TEST, Inc.<br/>330 Fifth Street, Box 483<br/>Peru, IL 61354<br/>Contact: Jennifer Kolczaski<br/>Telephone: (815) 224-1650</p>  |  |

Contact the Hancock County Health Department with any questions at 217-357-2171, opt. 4.