

FROM THE DESK of SUPERVISOR MCNAMARA



volunteer homes needed

FREE

Lead & Copper
water quality testing

Interested?
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Hello Neighbor,

Van Buren Township's Water Department is seeking potential future volunteer households for lead & copper water quality testing. Michigan's updated lead and copper rule, adopted in 2018, requires municipalities to take and test more water samples in their community. The number of people served by our water supply dictates the number of testing sites necessary, as determined by Environmental, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) . Each volunteer household, that is selected for the program, will receive free testing and documented results.

Staff will not enter the homes to collect the samples. Participants will be given instructions on how to collect their own samples and leave them on the porch for our Township staff to pick up during a scheduled time. We thank our community volunteers in advance for assisting us in our efforts to maintain a high level of water quality in our Township!

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the program, please email publicservices@vanburen-mi.org

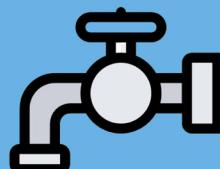
In other news, we are still in the process of **replacing ALL water meters in the township.** The meter replacement will need to be completed inside your home or business. The township is working alongside the vendor and will notify home and business owners ahead of time to schedule the installation of the meter and equipment. There will be a brief interruption in water service during your replacement appointment and **there is no direct cost to homeowners or businesses for the meter replacement.** There will be no additional rate increases to fund the project. Please direct questions to Van Buren Township's Water & Sewer Department at 734- 699-8925 or publicservices@vanburen-mi.org.

Lastly, Township Administrative Offices will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veteran's Day and November 25 & 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no curbside services on Thanksgiving Day. Waste Management curbside services will be on a one-day delay which includes Friday's route to be collected on Saturday.

SINCERELY,
— Kevin McNamara

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TAP THE TAP RETHINK YOUR DRINK

Van Buren Township's Water & Sewer Department is celebrating healthy and delicious tap water by giving away free 32-ounce Nalgene refillable water bottles to residents.

In Canada and the United States, municipal tap water has strict safety regulations where bottled water does not. And 40-60% of all bottled water sold in the United States is sourced from local taps. Plus, tap water is required to be filtered and disinfected where bottled water does not have such requirements.

Municipal tap water is constantly tested to maintain safety and quality standards. Van Buren Township's tap water is routinely tested and an annual water quality report is sent to residents during the summer months in the Van Buren Today magazine. With all these standards in place, many residents have stated Van Buren Township's tap water tastes great and smells odorless. If standards don't catch your attention, let's take a look at the environmental impact bottled water has on our planet.

More than 60 million plastic bottles end up in landfills and incinerators every day. With a total of about 22 billion a year. In an effort to reduce water bottle waste we're asking residents to Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink and help us protect the earth. Despite the predominant belief that most of the plastic packaging can be recycled, the fact of the matter is that 80 percent of the packaging cannot be recycled.

To kick off the Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink program the Water & Sewer Department has installed two water bottle filling stations in township hall. One is located in the west wing between the Supervisors and Treasurer's office and the other is outside the Recreation Multipurpose room in the Parks and Rec Department. These stations have a Green Ticker which tracks the number of plastic bottles saved from waste stations.

The average cost for a 32-ounce bottle of water is around \$2.50 where the average cost to fill 32 ounces of water from a Van Buren Township tap is .001 cents. With the Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink program **residents can receive a free 32-ounce refillable water bottle by taking a quick 1-minutes survey about the township's water supply at vanburen-mi.org/tapthetap.** Once completed you can pick up your free water bottle, first come first served, at Township Hall from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. There is a limited supply of refillable bottles, so don't delay take the survey today!

Thank you for helping us celebrate clean water while protecting our beautiful earth from plastic waste!

If you have questions about the Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink program call 734-699-8925 or email publicservices@vanburen-mi.org.



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