



# St. Joseph County Health Department

*"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury, and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"*

## WATER TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTY TRANSFERS

1. The drinking water for any commercial or residential property being transferred shall be analyzed for the following parameters:
  - a. Total coliform bacteria
  - b. E. coli bacteria
  - c. Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>)
  - d. Arsenic
  - e. Residual chlorine
  - f. Temperature (laboratory)
  - g. pH (laboratory)
  - h. Any other tests as deemed reasonable and necessary and ordered by the Health Officer on a case by case basis to the extent that such tests protect against a health threat.
2. Samples shall be collected from the primary point of use. For residential properties, the primary point of use is designated to be the kitchen faucet.
3. The results of the analyses shall be submitted to the Health Department by the laboratory performing the analysis and shall be submitted to the buyer and the Health Department by the seller or their authorized agent according to established schedules.
4. If the water does not meet U.S. EPA Primary Drinking Water Standards the well water may be disinfected and retested. If this process does not result in water that meets Drinking Water Standards, suitable water treatment device must be installed at the primary point of use.
5. The St. Joseph County certified water laboratories participating in this program are:

**Sherry Laboratories**

3371 Cleveland Road, Ste 100A  
 South Bend, Indiana 46628  
 Phone: 574-277-0707

**Valley Lea Laboratories, Inc.**

4609 Grape Road, Suite D  
 Mishawaka, Indiana 46545  
 Phone: 574-272-8484

**Sherry Laboratories**

560 South Zimmer Road  
 Warsaw, Indiana 46580-2368  
 Phone: 574-267-3305

**Note: The cost of the water analysis is not included in the property transfer fee and is payable to the water testing laboratory of your choice. Please pick up a testing kit from the laboratory before drawing a water sample and follow the sampling procedures provided by the laboratory. You must use the containers provided by the water laboratory.**