



MDHHS Division of Environmental Health

Regional Community Engagement & Drinking Water Campaign

MALEHA Forum Meeting, October 20, 2022



MDHHS Mission

MDHHS provides opportunities, services, and programs that promote a healthy, safe, and stable environment for residents to be self-sufficient.

MDHHS Vision

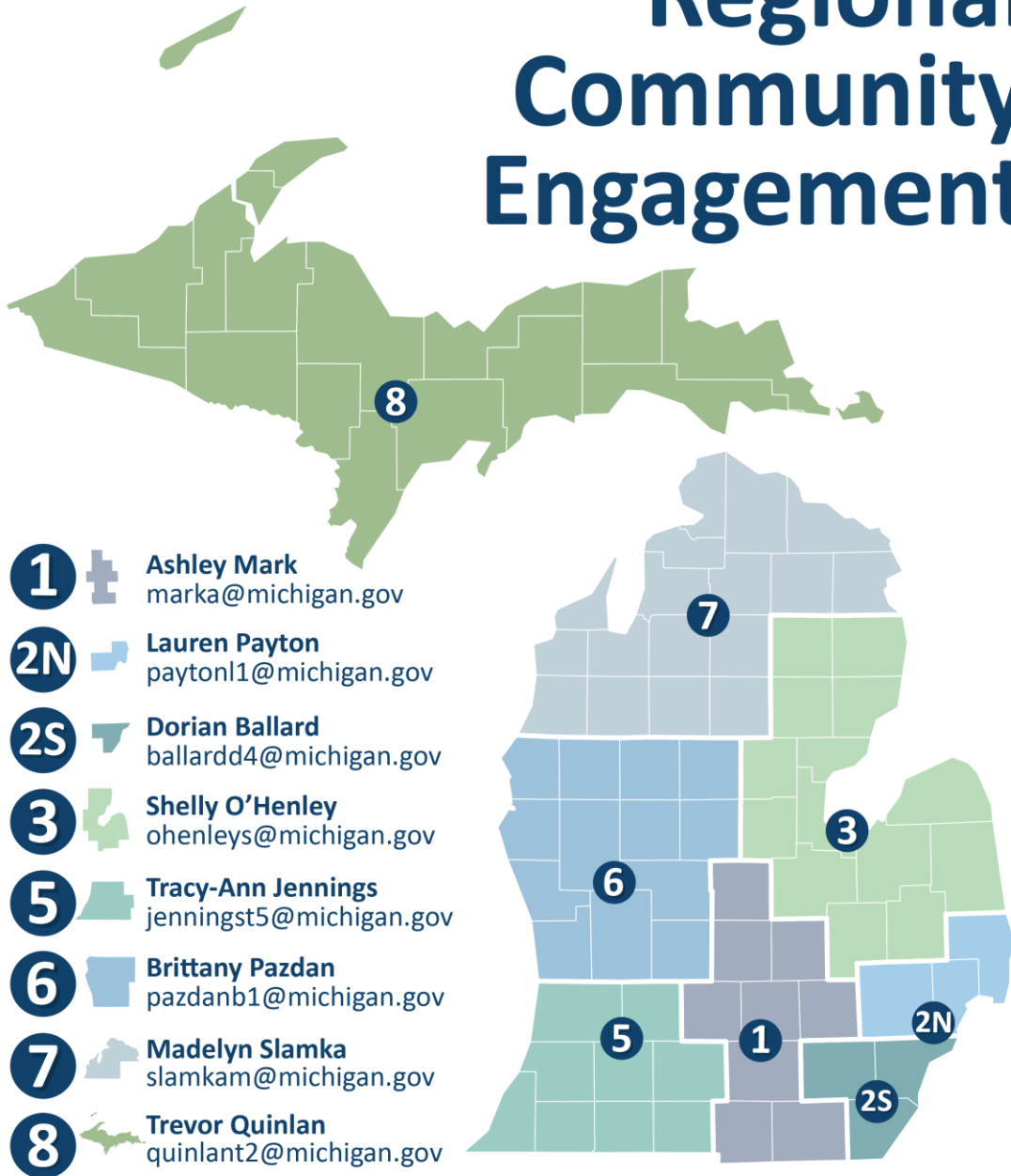
Develop and encourage measurable health, safety, and self-sufficiency outcomes that reduce and prevent risks, promote equity, foster healthy habits, and transform the health and human services system to improve the lives of Michigan families.

DEH Goal

Apply the best available science to end or prevent injury from environmental, chemical, and physical hazards, and promote equity for the people of Michigan.



Regional Community Engagement



Regional Mission

We serve communities by being a liaison between MDHHS-DEH and community-based organizations. We promote and protect the health of Michiganders by building and maintaining regional connections with local organizations to respond to the community's needs.

Regional Vision

To develop a network of regional partners that are representative of their region and can aid in the case of regional environmental health responses.

As liaisons between MDHHS-DEH and local organizations, we strive to:



Work with regional collaborators to supplement on-going local efforts to promote and protect the health of the community



Identify opportunities to engage the community and local organization in relevant DEH programs



Create opportunities for the community and local organizations to provide feedback about local DEH initiatives



Keep communities updated about emerging DEH resources and opportunities



Communicate local environmental emergencies and work with local partners to coordinate response



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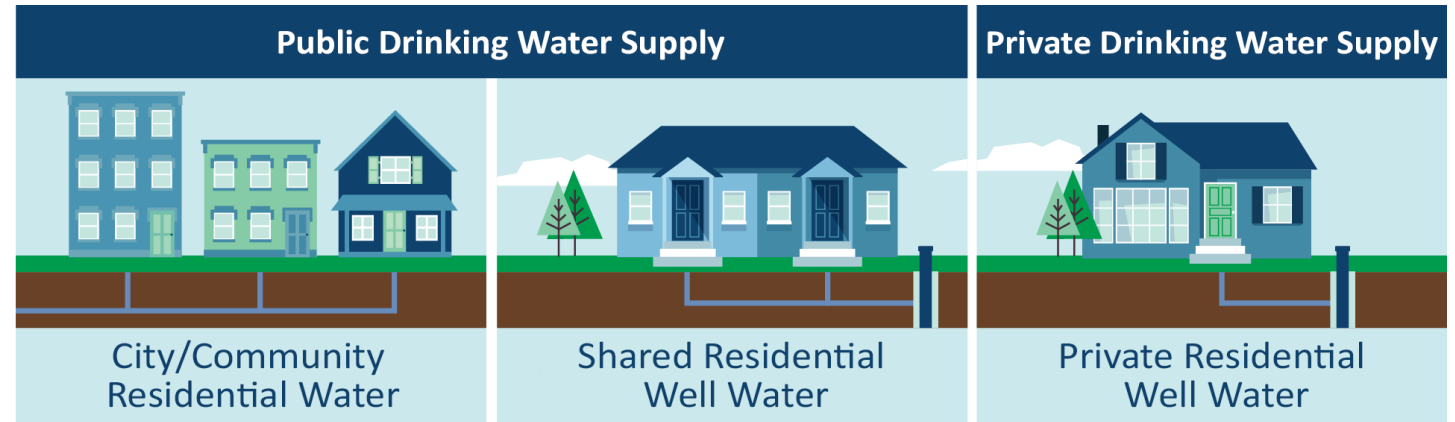
MI Drinking Water and Health Promotion Program

Program Purpose

To empower Michiganders to make informed decisions and take action to protect their health from drinking water contamination through equitable promotion, education, and engagement.

Goal 1

To inform and educate all Michigan residents on their drinking water supply type and encourage them to adopt best drinking water practices.



Drinking Water Best Practices

Keep your
Water Moving

Clean your
Aerators

Check your
Home
Plumbing

Test your
Drinking Water

Step up for the
Environment

Care for MI Drinking Water Website



**MI Drinking Water
Sources**



Care for MiWell



**Drinking Water
Contamination**



Drinking Water Testing



**Understanding a
Drinking Water Test
Result**



**Choosing a Home Water
Filter and Other Water
Treatment Options**



**Stepping Up for the
Environment**



**What Might Be in the
Groundwater You Drink**



**Drinking Water Policies
and Laws**



Learn More

Go to: Michigan.gov/EnviroHealth
Select “Care for MI Drinking Water”

GovDelivery Newsletter

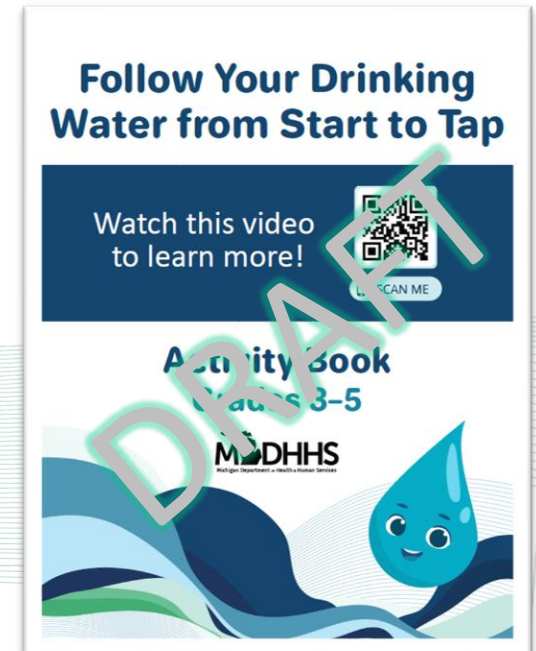
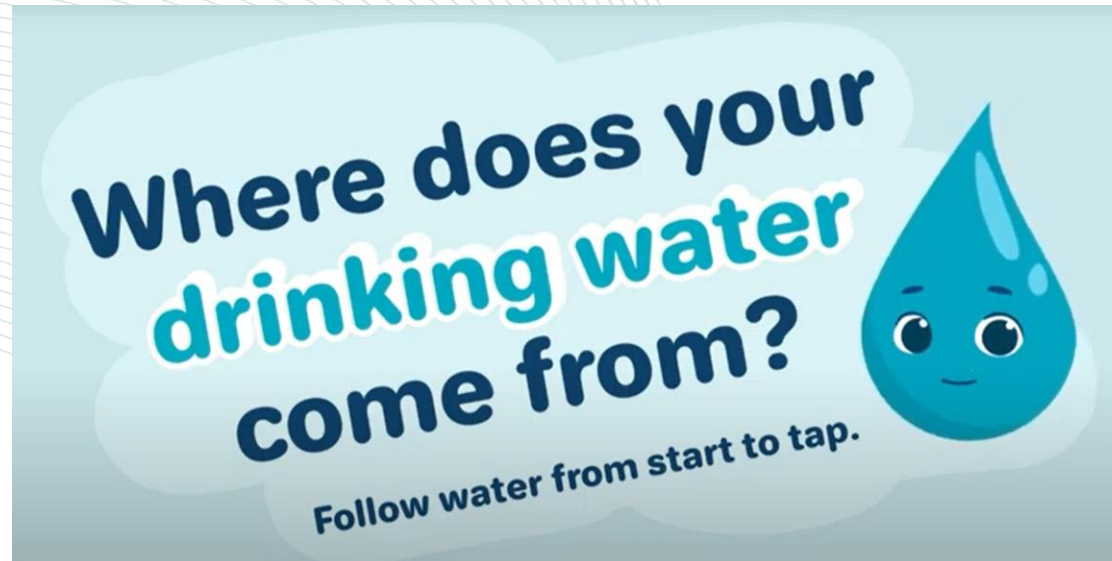
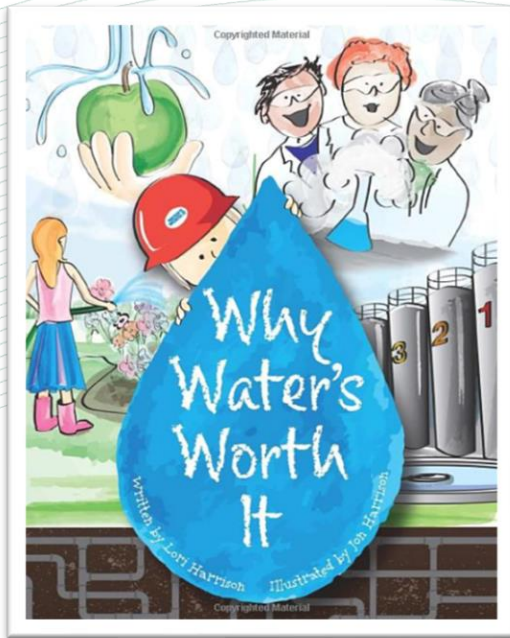


1. Visit <https://bit.ly/Drinking-Water-Health-Newsletter>
2. Under the header “Population and Public Health”
3. Check “Drinking Water and Health”

To access through our website, go to: **Michigan.gov/EnviroHealth**
Select “Care for MI Drinking Water” and then “Learn More”

Youth Educational Resources

- Where Does Your Water Come from (Activity Book)
- Why Water's Worth It (children's book)
- Follow Water from Start to Tap (Animated Video)
- Outreach Opportunities



Goal 2

To educate **private residential well owners** about the importance of well maintenance and encourage actions to reduce drinking water contamination and potential health risks.

Inspection

Testing

Treatment



MiWell Postcard Mailer



Available in the Care for MiWell
Promotion Toolkit



Having a private residential well means you are responsible for your own water system. This includes taking care of the well system to protect your drinking water and your health.

- Natural and human-made contaminants can enter water unnoticed as many have no smell, taste, or color.
- There are many ways water can be contaminated. **Check for damage to your well cap or casing and monitor for low water pressure.** These may indicate that your well system is not working as expected which could lead to water contamination.
- Proper well maintenance and regular water testing can help identify how contaminants enter the well system and if they are in the water.

Taking care of your well system can protect the health of you and your family. Work with your local health department or a Michigan-registered well driller if you have questions or you find any problems with your well.

Visit Michigan.gov/EnviroHealth and under "Our Programs" select "Care for MiWell" to learn how to protect your private residential well drinking water and your health.

Care for MiWell Promotion Toolkit



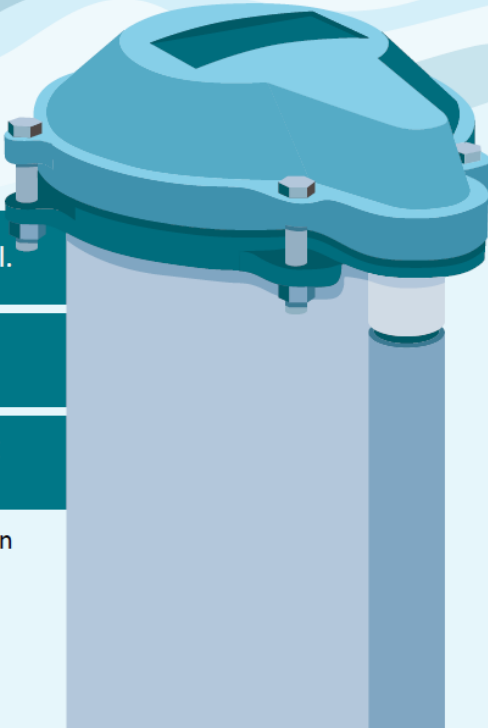
Help share
drinking water
and health
information!



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Well Assessed Project

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Your participation in the Well Assessed Project can:

-  Help you become aware of the condition of your well.
-  Connect you with resources for addressing concerns with your well.
-  Help MDHHS improve the assessment by completing the feedback survey.



We appreciate your participation. After completing the inspection and a two-minute feedback survey, we would like to thank you for your time by sending you a **\$20 gift card**. This opportunity is available until October 1, 2022.

To learn more about private residential wells, visit Michigan.gov/EnviroHealth and click "Care for MiWell."



Take a look at your private residential well today.

Complete a quick, 10-minute step-by-step well inspection and let us know what you see. Based on what you find, you will receive personalized resources to help protect your drinking water and health.



Interested? Visit bit.ly/WellAssessedProject or open your smart phone camera and hover over the QR code. Your phone will take you to the questions.

Prefer a printed copy? Call us at 844-934-1315 and we will send you one with a postage-paid return envelope.

Goal 3

To promote and offer equitable educational opportunities on ways **public water supply customers** can learn about their drinking water quality to make informed decisions about their health.



Education about how to learn about water quality



Improving awareness that information about water quality is available.



Improving knowledge about how to access this information.



Improving understanding of how to interpret information to accurately perceive the quality of drinking water.

Statewide Media Campaign



Community Engagement and Outreach

- Health Fairs
- Water Festivals
- Public Health/Environmental Health Conferences
- Farmer's Markets
- Community Events
- School Events
- and more!



Thank you!

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Questions?



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