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**Washtenaw County Public Health Recommends Disinfecting
Drinking Water Wells after Flooding**

ANN ARBOR, MI, June 2, 2011 – The Environmental Health Division of Washtenaw County Public Health is advising residents to disinfect their drinking water wells if the recent heavy rains caused any flooding around wells. The appropriate time to disinfect is after any flood waters have receded. Residents should not consume any well water if the well has been recently submerged by lake, river, pond or storm water until the well has been properly disinfected.

Information about testing drinking water wells for bacteria and disinfecting them is available at: http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/environmental_health/wells_septic/eh_well.html. If residents have specific questions about the safety of their drinking water wells, they can contact the Environmental Health Division at 734-222-3800.

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