

**Wood County's  
Eight Municipal  
Water Systems  
Remain Within  
Public Health  
Standards**

**Municipal Water Quality Exceedances in  
Eight Wood County Municipalities**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Contaminate</b>
1998	One	Bacteria
1999	0	-
2000	0	-
2001	One	Benzene
2002	Two	Bacteria
2003	0	-
2004	0	-
2005	0	-

**Key Facts**

Groundwater in Wood County is naturally high in certain dissolved minerals. Treatment is provided for removal of:

- Iron (6 of 8 systems)
- Manganese (7 of 8 systems)
- Corrosivity (6 of 8 systems)
- Radon (1 system)
- Hydrogen sulfide (1 system)

Biron, Marshfield, Milladore, Pittsville, and Wisconsin Rapids have wellhead protection programs to protect their drinking water through public education and awareness activities.

**Why is this Information Important?**

A clean, safe drinking water source is necessary for our health and well being. Municipalities that provide a safe, contaminant-free water supply to their residents are providing an important component for their quality of life.

Eight Wood County municipalities provide drinking water to their residents: Biron, Marshfield, Milladore, Nekoosa, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Vesper and Wisconsin Rapids. Each must meet stringent EPA and DNR water quality standards. Wells that exceed standards are removed from service until the source of contamination is identified and repaired.

A *Consumer Confidence Report* describing a municipality's water quality is available through each municipality, the DNR or off the Internet.

**Wood County Water Treatment Standards**

All municipalities use groundwater for their source. Each municipality provides some treatment to the water before it reaches the public for use. All Wood County public water supply systems use chlorine to keep the water biologically safe. Six municipalities add fluoride to the water.

*Source: Wisconsin DNR*