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## WELL WATER TESTING DAY—JUNE 7

There are a number of reasons why you should test your well, the most important one being for the health and safety of yourself and your family.

On Wednesday, June 7, 2006 the La Salle Redboine Conservation District will be hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Well Water Testing Day.

Water testing packages will be available for pick up at any one of the nine drop-off locations after *May 17*. Filled water samples and payment must be returned to all drop-off locations no later than 11:00 am on June 7. The drop-off locations are:

- LSRBCD office, 109 Broadway Street in Holland,
- 4 District Ag. offices in Carman, Portage, Starbuck and Treherne,
- Village of St. Claude office,
- RM of Grey office in Elm Creek,
- RM of Macdonald office in Sanford, and
- RM of Cartier office in Elie.

You will have the choice between 4 different testing options:

- 1) Bacteria Test—\$8.00 per well, subsidized by Manitoba Health
  - Tests for total coliform and e.coli
- 2) Nitrates/Nitrites Test—\$6.42 per well, subsidized by LSRBCD
  - Tests for Nitrates Nitrites
- 3) Bacteria and Nitrates/Nitrites Test—\$14.42
  - Test includes items in #1 and #2
- 4) Bacteria and Chemical Analysis—\$77.55
  - Test includes items in #1 and tests for Calcium, Magnesium, Hardness, Sodium, Potassium, Manganese, Copper, Iron, Zinc, Nitrates and Nitrites, Chloride, Sulphate, Conductivity and pH.



### IN COOPERATION WITH:

RM of Cartier  
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RM of Portage la Prairie  
RM of Ritchot  
RM of South Norfolk  
RM of Victoria  
City of Portage la Prairie  
Town of Carman  
Town of Treherne  
Village of St. Claude

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For more information about our Annual Well Water Testing Day, please contact Corinna at the LSRBCD Office at 526-2578 or 1-866-895-4735.

**2006 PROGRAM MENU UPDATES!**

As LSRBCD gets ready for another project season, there have been a few updates made to our 2006 Program Menu.

The cost-sharing ratio for the **Salinity Seed** program has been changed to offer landowners more incentive to seed high saline areas with saline tolerant plants. The new ratio is \$25 per acre to a maximum of 20 acres.



Returning for 2006, is the **Municipal Erosion Control** program. When a member municipality provides in-kind equipment support towards their project, LSRBCD will provide the necessary erosion control materials, up to a set maximum, required to reduce the amount of erosion taking place.

New to the 2006 Program Menu, **Well Shock Chlorination**. Program was introduced due to a high number of failed bacteria water tests during our Annual Well Water Testing Day. Even though this process is not 100% effective, it can reduce the health hazards caused to humans through bacterial infections. The fee for this program is \$100 per well shock chlorinated. All costs associated with well shocking will be covered by the CD, all other expenses will be the landowner's responsible.

For program information, inquiries and application forms, please contact the LSRBCD office or visit our website at [www.lasalledboine.com](http://www.lasalledboine.com).



2006 Program Menu Available at:

- LSRBCD Office—Holland
- All Member Municipal Offices, and
- All District Ag. Offices:
  - Carman, Portage, Starbuck and Portage

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 30---Assiniboine SD meeting—Elie
- March 30---Delta SD meeting—Portage
- April 5-----Upper La Salle SD meeting—Elie
- April 6-----Long Lake SD meeting—Portage
- April 10 ----Registration Deadline— Wealth in Woodlots Workshop—St. Claude
- April 11 ----Wealth in Woodlots Workshop—St. Claude Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- April 13-----Boyne SD meeting—Carman
- April 24-----Cypress River SD meeting—Holland
- June 7 -----Well Water Testing Day—District Wide

**WEALTH IN WOODLOTS WORKSHOP**

On **April 11 at 7:30 pm** in the St. Claude hall, LSRBCD along with the assistance of Agro Woodlot staff will be hosting a free workshop about proper Woodlot Management. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Woodlots harvest in Manitoba is on the rise and many producers are not fully aware of the value of their woodlot. This workshop will help to answer many of the questions that producers have regarding the value of their woodlot, the alternatives available and how to managing the wood stands.

Producers need the best information available to make the most sound and informed decisions. Please RSVP your seat by April 10, by calling the LSRBCD office.

*Don't forget to mark **April 11 at 7:30 p.m.** on your calendar.*

