



Winnebago County

# Health Department

## NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Second Neighborhood In Winnebago County Urged To Reduce Exposure To PFAS.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – The Winnebago County Health Department in coordination with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency have identified multiple wells with PFAS levels above guidance level in the **Wright Kiles Blackhawk Subdivision in Rockton Township**.

Residents that have PFAS levels above guidance level are being directly notified by IDPH via a letter to the property owner. No source of contamination has been identified. Those that live in this impacted neighborhood (see attached map) and use a private well that have not tested for PFAS should consider testing for PFAS and take steps to remove PFAS from drinking water.

### What Are PFAS

PFAS or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances are a series of man-made chemicals that may impact your health. PFAS are found in a variety of consumer products and water. Reducing exposure to PFAS will lower your risk for health problems.

While all residents should reduce exposure to PFAS, those at greater risk should not drink water that contains PFAS, including:

- Infants and young children whose brains and bodies are developing rapidly
- Pregnant or breastfeeding women, or those planning pregnancy

### Reduce Exposure to PFAS from Water Supply

1. Use City Water
2. Get a Carbon Water Filter or Home Water Treatment System
3. Test for Water for PFAS if you use a well that is not on City Water

### Community Open House for One on One Answers

Residents can stop in to talk to government officials directly and get answers to their PFAS questions at a community open house on:

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 4pm - 6pm**

Location: Check the Winnebago County Health Department website at [publichealth.wincoil.gov/pfas](https://publichealth.wincoil.gov/pfas) for the updated location to be announced at a later date.

Representatives from the following agencies will be present to answer your questions.

- Winnebago County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- Winnebago County
- Rockton Township
- Village of Rockton

For more information go to [publichealth.wincoil.gov/pfas](https://publichealth.wincoil.gov/pfas)

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**Wright Kiles  
Blackhawk Subdivision**



**Watts  
Avenue**

**Rockton  
Township**

**Dingman Drive**

Hononegah Community  
High School

2

75

2

E Union St

W Rockton Rd

Rockton Rd

Yale Bridge Rd

Yale Bridge Rd

S Bluff Rd

Prairie Hill Rd

Blackhawk Blvd

Prairie Hill Rd

Rock River

Rock River

# STOP IN & ASK

## Community Open House On PFAS In Private Well Water In The ROCKTON Neighborhood Below



**1 On 1 Answers  
To Your Questions**



**PFAS are  
chemicals that  
may impact  
your health**

**At Rockton Township**

**1315 North Blackhawk Blvd., Rockton, IL 61072**

### Meet With Staff From:

- Winnebago County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- Winnebago County
- Rockton Township
- Village of Rockton

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