



## Kane County Health Department

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### For Immediate Release

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has identified slightly elevated levels of a chemical called MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) in the public water supplies in Carpentersville, East Dundee & Lake Marian. **It is important to note that all samples of the chemical found in the public water supply are well within safe limits for human consumption according to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.**

It is possible that levels of MTBE may be present in private wells as well. For this reason the Kane County Health Department is working with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to alert the public about this issue.

According to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency the area identified includes all private wells located South of Bolz Road, East of the Fox River, West of the Kane/Cook County Line, and North of State Route 68/State Route 72.

Citizens in the identified area will receive a letter from the health department and may choose to get their well water tested. Labs that can do the testing are listed below for those households in Carpentersville, East Dundee and Lake Marian who opt to get their well tested.

Environmental Monitoring and Technologies  
8100 North Austin Ave  
Morton Grove, IL 60053  
Phone: 847967-6666

Suburban Laboratories Inc.  
4140 Litt Drive  
Hillside, IL 60162  
Phone: 708-544-3260

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Gabriel Laboratories, Ltd.  
1421 North Elston Ave  
Chicago, IL 60622  
Phone: 773-486-2123

PDC Laboratories Inc.  
2231 West Altorfer Drive  
Peoria, IL 61615  
Phone: 309-692-9688

Cost of testing for MTBE is approximately \$75 - \$200. For an explanation of test results, information on the health effects of MTBE, and recommendations for individuals who regularly drink well water, contact Fred Carlson at Kane County Health Dept., 1240 N. Highland Ave., Aurora, IL, 60506 or phone (630) 208-3803. Additional information can be obtained through the Illinois Department of Public Health by calling (630) 293-6800 during regular business hours.

As the Kane County Health Department receives additional information it will be made available to the public.

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