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PROVINCE TO COVER FULL COSTS OF WELL-WATER TESTING FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED RESIDENTS

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Those Using Well Water in Areas Hit by Heavy Rains, Flooding Urged to Test Water

Manitoba Water Stewardship is encouraging residents in areas affected by heavy rains and flooding who use well water to boil it before consumption or use a safe alternative such as bottled water until flood waters have receded and test results confirm the bacterial safety of their water.

The Province of Manitoba will pay all the costs of the precautionary tests, which should start after flooding has subsided. The province normally subsidizes well-water testing but, under the current circumstances, the well owner's share is being waived for the month of June for flooded areas.

Water samples should be marked 2010 Flood and sent to Maxxam Analytics, Unit D, 675 Berry St., Winnipeg, MB R3H 1A7. More information is also available at 204-772-7276 or 1-800-665-8566 (toll-free).

For further details on water testing, contact the local Manitoba Water Stewardship or Manitoba Conservation office, the Manitoba Office of Drinking Water at 204-945-5762 or Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257 (toll-free).

Access to Manitoba well-water fact sheets is available at [www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cmoh/water.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cmoh/water.html).