NARRATIVE FOR WATER WELL TESTING IN THE OTSEGO AREA

If you are calling because you have heard of the recent concerns regarding the water quality in the Otsego area, please listen to the following message.

The City of Otsego and Otsego Township water supplies are in compliance with local, state and federal drinking water requirements. The latest tests are from 2015. Many different compounds were tested, some of which were Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Semi-volatile Organic Compounds (SOC), and Metals. All the results were non-detected. The most recent water quality reports are available at the following websites:

City of Otsego at (269) 692-3391 or http://www.cityofotsego.org/
Otsego Township at (269) 694-9434 or http://www.otsegotownship.org/

For a detailed laboratory reports contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Kalamazoo Office at (269) 567-3500.

If you have a private water supply or an individual well and are concerned about the quality, the MDEQ laboratory in Lansing has suggested you may want to consider the following tests:

- Volatile Organic Compounds (CVXO): $100.00
- Aromatic Compounds (CXPA): $115.00
- Metals (CMET): $92.00
- Pesticide Scan (CXPT): $125.00

You may contact them at (517) 335-8184 for water sample bottles and other information. At this time the MDEQ laboratory cannot test for Dioxin, they have suggested you contact one of the laboratories on the list found at this website: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-rrd-LAB-OutOfStateLaboratoryCertifications_426494_7.pdf

The cost for this analysis is between $300.00 - $450.00. On the lab list, please look for 2, 3, 7, 8-TCDD (Dioxin) under the lab name.

If the Allegan County Health Department can be of any assistance, please call (269) 673-5411 and press option 3 and ask to speak with someone in Environmental Health. Due to the large volume of calls, we ask for your patience, and will try to return your call within one business day. Additional information about water quality can be found by going to allegancounty.org and choosing the “Environmental Health” link to obtain more detailed information.