

PRESS RELEASE

The Town has been notified by the Genesee County Health Dept. that there is water well contamination in the area of State Street Road, Batavia-Elba Townline Road, Route 98, and Bank Street.

The Town is working with the Genesee County Health Department to determine the extent of well contamination. The Town considers this an extremely serious issue that demands immediate action.

It is the Town's experience that wells within the Town are highly susceptible to well contamination during the spring thaw. The Town strongly encourages any Town of Batavia property owners that currently do not have public water to contact the Genesee County Department of Health at 585-344-2580 and request a one time well sampling. The Genesee County Health Department will collect a sample and plot the location of the water well with a GPS survey device. These samples will be funded by the Town of Batavia. You may request a test for coliform bacteria and nitrates. The results of the test will be available at the Batavia Town Hall.

Any property owners that are interested in public water are encouraged to notify the Town in writing (either with an informal petition or by individual letter or email). In areas with a concentrated interest, the Town will begin the process of seeking grant funding to extend public water for those areas.

If you suspect you may have well contamination, please refer to information published by the Genesee County Department of Health. This information can be found on the Town of Batavia website (www.townofbatavia.com), at the Town Hall, and the Genesee County Health Department.

For further information or questions you may also contact Steve Mountain at 585-343-1729 ext. 220.