

What is your sanitary waste management preference?

Fifteen years ago the Linn Sanitary District asked its residents what they felt was the best direction to go for sanitary waste management within the District. Residents were asked if they preferred to stay with on-site system or construct a collection system and treat the waste at a centrally located plant. The response was a strong desire to stay with on-site systems

For the next 15 years, sanitary waste management within the District was based upon that response. It was the foundation of the Sanitary Wastewater Facilities Plan, a Private On-site Wastewater Treatment System inspection program, an extensive well testing program, and educational programs on POWTS' and wells' care and maintenance. A copy of the facilities Plan and its amendments can be viewed at <http://townoflinn.com/Sanitary.htm>).

Over the last 15 years many things have changed, new home owners, new technology for sanitary waste treatment, and new elected officials to mention a few. The Linn Sanitary District would like to revisit the sanitary waste management options with its residents and see if their preference has changed.

To do so the District would like to again survey its residents. This time the survey will be offered on-line at the District's webpage. See article in this newsletter for more info on the survey.



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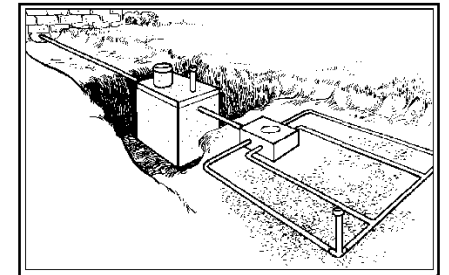
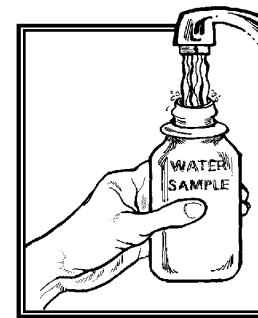
SPRING NEWSLETTER

- FUTURE SANITARY WASTE MANAGEMENT.
- TAKE AN ON-LINE SURVEY ON YOUR PREFERENCE
- TEST YOUR DRINKING WATER WELL
- WHY?

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-FOR OUR HEALTH-

-AND GENEVA LAKE'S PROTECTION-



TEST YOUR WELL

During the summer of 2014 over 400 private drinking water wells around Geneva Lake were tested for bacteria and nitrates. Generally speaking, the results indicated that for the wells and parameters tested, the groundwater offered a potable drinking water supply.

Things can and do change over time. That is why Linn Sanitary District consistently reminds its residents to annually test their private wells for bacteria. With homes that are not used all year, annual well testing is even more important.

Walworth County Public Health opened a lab a few years ago, making testing and analysis much easier than having to send samples to distant labs. They offer lab services for private well owners to test their water for nitrates and bacteria.

The Water Lab will only accept samples in pre-sterilized bottles, supplied by the Water Lab. They can be picked up at the Public Health reception desk Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Homeowners are responsible for collecting their own samples and returning them to the lab at the appropriate time. Public Health’s water specialists will help in explaining procedures and results to home owners.

Samples are accepted at the Public Health Reception Desk: Monday and Wednesday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 am- 12:00 pm. They can be reached at 262-741-3140.



THE IMPORTANCE OF A WORKING POWTS AND A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY.

You might think that the reason to test your drinking water and inspect your Private On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) are pretty obvious, but not all reasons are. Yes, there are the health concerns such as having a potable drinking water supply that won't get you sick. There is the importance of having a functioning POWTS that doesn't pollute the groundwater which we drink and which supplies roughly a third of the water that enters Geneva Lake annually. There are also the economic reasons of prevention; on-going maintenance is cheaper than replacement. There are economic impacts of degraded lake quality on the area's commerce and real estate values. There is the comfort knowing that you are doing your bit to help protect Geneva Lake and its watersheds, both surface and ground.

As a Linn Sanitary District resident, perhaps just as important to you as the health, economic and environmental reasons are the political reasons. If areas in the Town of Linn do not have a potable water supply or an effective sanitary waste management plan, then these areas are much more vulnerable to annexation.

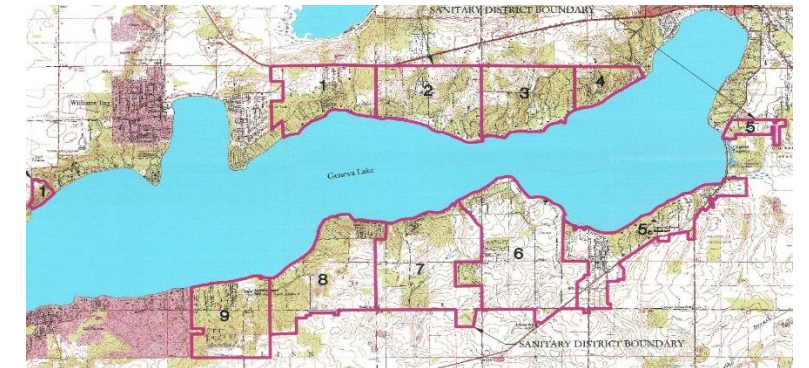
The Linn Sanitary District is committed to provide its residents with both a potable water supply and an effective sanitary waste management program. If we do not deliver on that commitment, consequences that are out of our control may drive significant changes in the Geneva Lake area and specifically in Linn Township.

THE DISTRICT'S ON-LINE SURVEY

To get a sense of the Linn Sanitary District's residents' preferred sanitary waste management option for the future, this summer the Linn Sanitary District will be conducting an on-line survey of its residents' preference. Watch for information on the District's web page (<http://townoflinn.com/Sanitary.htm>) and in the local press.

When ready to go, a link to the survey will be found on the District's web site. Click on the link and answer the four (4) simple questions and add any relevant comments. We will be collecting survey responses until August 31, 2016. If there are not enough responses to make a fair assessment, we may follow-up with a mail survey. Our similar survey in 1990 had just over 1,000 respondents, a good response.

Each respondent will be asked to identify the District Sub-Area within which your residence is located. Please take a minute to review the map below to identify your Sub-Area.



You will also be asked what type of on-site system is currently at your residence. In the next newsletter we will have information that will help you identify the type of system you have.