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March 22 is World Water Day! Here's How You Can Help Ensure ALL Massachusetts Residents Have Safe Water to Drink!

March 22 is World Water Day – a perfect occasion to help promote equitable access to safe, clean drinking water across Massachusetts.

RCAP Solutions, The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, and other members of the [Coalition for Safe Drinking Water](#) are working together to improve access to safe drinking water for private well owners – and we invite you to join us.

Over 500,000 people throughout the Commonwealth rely on these wells, yet there are no statewide regulations to ensure private well water is safe from harmful contaminants such as PFAS, arsenic, radon, uranium, and more. In contrast, public water systems are regulated by the state and are subject to routine monitoring.

From 2020 to 2022, the [Private Well Program to Protect Public Health](#) conducted over 500 water quality tests across several Massachusetts towns and **found that approximately 32% of wells had levels of contaminants exceeding state**

health standards and/or suggesting potential health risks.

Whether you rely on a public water system or a private well for your drinking water, this is an issue of health equity, and we need your support! **Below are 4 easy ways you can get involved in ensuring safe drinking water for all Massachusetts residents - on World Water Day and beyond!**

GET INVOLVED & STAY INFORMED!

1) Ask Your Legislators to Support Bill S.482/H.902, *An Act Promoting Drinking Water Quality for All*

An Act Promoting Drinking Water Quality for All (bill numbers [S.482](#) and [H.902](#)) aims to provide protections for households who rely on private wells for their drinking water. This bill would enable the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to develop a set of health-based regulations which would provide statewide water quality standards for private drinking water wells.

Please contact your state legislators by email or phone and urge them co-sponsor S.482/H.902!

1. Find the contact information for your legislators by [clicking here](#).
 2. Contact your legislators and ask them to support efforts being made to enact statewide private well regulations, including *An Act Promoting Drinking Water Quality for All* (S.482/H.902). Sample messages can be found [here](#).
 3. Forward this email to your friends and colleagues and ask them to take action.
 4. Finally, don't forget to cc communications@rcapsolutions.org on all emails so we're alerted once you've taken action!
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2) Join the Coalition for Safe Drinking Water

[This testimonial](#) features a private well homeowner in Lakeville who participated in RCAP Solutions' Private Well Program to Protect Public Health.

The [Coalition for Safe Drinking Water](#) is a group of diverse individuals and organizations advocating for equitable access to safe drinking water for private well owners across Massachusetts.

You can join the Coalition as an individual or as an organization by visiting the link below and completing the interest form.

[Join the Coalition](#)

3) Spread the Word on Social Media

[Click here](#) to Tweet your support!

Spread the word on social media (using the hashtag

[#WhatsInYourWellWater](#))

, your website's blog, and any newsletters you may distribute!

Don't forget to tag

[@RCAP_Solutions](#) as well as your state legislators.

The toolkit below comes with pre-written content and graphics for you to share across your channels.

Sample Social Media Posts

& Graphics

4) Stay Up to Date - Join Our Mailing List

Don't want to join the Coalition but still interested in receiving updates? You can be added to our mailing list by completing the form below. You can unsubscribe from our mailing list at any time by clicking the "Unsubscribe" link found at the bottom of every email.

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