

Private wells & PFAS Information forum



Thursday, March 23, 2023, 7:00pm
Upper Town Hall & Zoom

Do you have questions about your well and PFAS? Join the Harvard Board of Health for answers to:

- What are PFAS?
- Where in Massachusetts and Harvard are PFAS being found?
- When do I need to add a water purifying system?
- Is there any financial help for private well owners?
- How can I advocate for more help & information?

In-person at Town Hall or on Zoom. Please check Board of Health website for last-minute venue changes (due to snow, COVID-19, or technical issues). Zoom Meeting information below.

The program (order might change due to speaker availability).

MA Dept of Environmental Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Jude Pigsley • Andrea Briggs 	Define PFAS, explain current State & federal regulations, discuss DEP private well testing results & best practices in MA
RCAP Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Starbard, Madison Wellman 	Report on testing private wells across MA (other water quality issues)
The Health Foundation of Central MA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Amie Shei 	Advocacy work for private well owners for low interest loans
Legislature in MA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen Jamie Eldridge • Rep Dan Sena 	Legislative support: Proposed bill: <i>"An Act Promoting Drinking Water Quality for All"</i> (bill numbers HD.3322/SD.2387)
Local advocates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurie Nehring, PACE • Laurel Schaider, Silent Spring Inst. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass roots advocacy • Silent Spring's health studies, research
Town of Harvard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Kilhart, Tim Bragan • Board of Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well water quality in Harvard • Advocacy for residents (local regulations, former Ft Devens RAB)

If possible, please submit questions by March 19 to boh@harvard-ma.gov so speakers can prepare answers in advance.

Zoom Meeting ID: 889 5924 6793 and Passcode: 580170

We hope you'll be able to join us.