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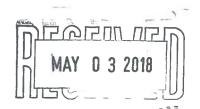
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## Re: Roadside Springs

One of the goals of the Safe Water Program under the Ontario Public Health Standards is "to prevent or reduce the burden of water-borne illness related to drinking water".

Unfortunately, there is a common belief that natural springs provide pristine, chlorine-free, safe drinking water. In most cases, this is untrue and drinking water from unprotected sources can lead to illness. Roadside springs are not considered safe sources of drinking water.

To help increase public awareness of the risks associated with roadside springs, the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) is providing new permanent signs (and U-channel metal posts) for all known roadside springs within the district.





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There is no cost for these signs or posts and the THU will make the arrangements for installation.

It is our hope that each municipality will support this public health education effort.

Please contact me if you have any questions or to discuss further.

Ryan Peters,

Program Manager