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Should Water Quality be a Concern for Home and Cottage Owners?

Toronto: (Ontario) - November 1, 2021: Increasingly, Canadians are concerned about the quality of the water that comes into their homes for drinking. Even though Canada's water resources, both public and private, are of excellent quality, and municipalities conduct frequent testing to ensure water safety, some geographic areas may vary as a result of contaminants seeping into the groundwater and entering rural water wells and aging of lead pipes from watermains into urban homes.

As well, we are becoming more aware of the quality of drinking water in indigenous communities where there have been more than 100 drinking water advisories since 2015.

Should homeowners be worried?

My Water Quality, the premier Canadian DIY water quality sampling, testing, and reporting service, has launched an easy to understand, easy-to-use water home test kit that will allow homeowners to take a sample of their home or cottage water, and send it directly to an accredited laboratory that will produce a personalized report card outlining such indicators as contaminants.

According to Tecia White, M.Sc., P. Geo, Hydrogeologist and President of **My Water Quality**, who has been involved with water testing for over 25 years, testing homes and cottages is an important consideration whether owners are on a municipal water system or a private well.

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Owners should be checking for contaminants including bacteria, nitrates, arsenic, lead, chloride, and chloramine to name just a few. Large laboratories who specialize in water testing are not set up to work with homeowners; however, an affordable home testing and water quality test kit enables individuals to learn more about water quality and contaminants and ensures the water in their homes is safe to drink. “Canadians use an average 223 litres of water daily—second only to the United States in the developed world, and more than twice as much as Europeans,” she said; “even more reason to trust our own tap water.”

Test Kit Packages

My Water Quality has developed seven home test kit packages for a variety of community situations. Full and detailed information is available online, (www.mywaterquality.ca) including costs that range from \$299 - \$1599. The test is easy to do. Place or order online and choose an appropriate test. When the test kit arrives, fill the container with a sample of tap water and send it to the lab indicated. Then receive a report card with the analysis.

If necessary, **My Water Quality**, can facilitate a meeting to discuss specific needs with a hydrogeologist.

Indigenous Communities

Ontarians are more aware than ever before about the poor drinking water in Indigenous communities. **My Water Quality** wanted to help those communities know more about their water sources and ensure water quality issues were identified by those who live in those communities. They addressed the issue by collaborating with Water First, one of the top charitable organizations in Canada trying to improve water challenges in Indigenous communities through education and training (www.waterfirst.ngo). **My Water Quality** has committed to providing \$5 of every home water quality test kit sold to Water First to help in supporting water quality internships in indigenous communities.

My Water Quality is Canada's premier affordable at-home water testing and reporting service only available online. The service provides urban and rural homeowners the knowledge they need about whether their drinking water is safe. This service is not currently available to residents of Quebec. For more information, www.mywaterquality.ca

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