

- **Septic Maintenance Ordinance.** One of the goals of the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of North Barrington is to manage, conserve and protect the water resources of the Village in order to provide high quality surface and subsurface waters to serve the community needs. As you know, the Village has adopted a Septic Maintenance Ordinance to help educate homeowners regarding their septic system, prevent or detect failing systems and reduce the risk of contamination to the water resources within our Village. To view a copy of this Ordinance, please click [here](#). The Ordinance is meant to be phased in over time in order for homeowners to be able to comply without undue hardship or cost. Homeowners will be notified when they are requested to provide information regarding the maintenance of their system via a letter from the Village. If you're planning on conducting maintenance to your system prior to receiving your notice please keep a copy of your receipt and any results as this will provide beneficial.
- **Private Well Class.** A free online course that helps homeowners understand and care for their water well is being provided. Sign up for the ten weekly email lessons and monthly webinar events to learn the basics of protecting your source of drinking water. This training is a free service funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Sign up for your free class at www.privatewellclass.org. The lesson will arrive by email in an easy to follow format.
- **Water Well News.** This season is known for thorough cleaning around the home and yard. Use caution before you dump those old products left on the shelves down the drain, especially if you have a septic system. Avoid dumping old paints, harsh chemicals, medicine or any other products that will kill the bacteria in the septic tank. These products may also end up in your groundwater! For more information on protecting your septic system, well inspections, and well water testing please click [here](#). BACOG has put together a brochure to help homeowners understand how their wells and septic systems work and how to properly maintain them. This guide is available for download by clicking [here](#). **Water Conservation.** A family of four uses approximately 400 gallons of water every day, indoor use only. Click [here](#) to see tips on saving water and the life of your well.
- **New Handbook Provides Information for Private Well Owners.** To help private water system owners develop and maintain a safe, adequate and dependable water system, the MidWest Plan Service has published a booklet "Private Water Systems Handbook" and is available through local University of Illinois Extension offices or on-line www.mwps.org. Some of the topics in the publication include planning for water usage, well construction, care and location; cisterns, ponds and springs; water testing and treatment; maintenance of the system and other related topics. **Lake County Health Department** also has informative information on their website found [here](#).
- **Regional Water Plan.** The Lake County Board endorsed a landmark water supply/demand plan meant to ensure the availability of clean water for the future. For more information on the report and the primary strategies please go to [water-2050](#).