



Culligan of Red Wing Explains What an In-Home Water Test Involves

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Culligan of Red Wing is outlining what an in-home water test involves after sharing an educational video describing the on-site evaluation process used in homes across southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. The company, which has served the region since 1936, uses the tests as a starting point for identifying local water conditions rather than relying on assumptions about a household supply.

An in-home water test is an on-site evaluation of a home's water. A water treatment professional visits the property, collects samples from the tap, and reviews common characteristics that affect how water looks, tastes, and performs in plumbing and appliances. In the Red Wing area, those characteristics often include hardness from calcium and magnesium, iron, sediment, pH, and other factors associated with municipal sources or private wells.

The process is designed to take place where the water is actually used. Results can be discussed during the visit so residents understand what the sample shows and how it compares with typical conditions in the region. For more detailed questions, such as those involving private wells or specific contaminants, additional laboratory analysis may be arranged through certified testing. That layered approach helps distinguish

between issues that appear immediately and those that require a more complete profile.

Local groundwater in the Upper Mississippi River Valley is known for mineral content that varies by neighborhood and well. Hard water can leave scale on fixtures and affect soap performance. Iron can stain laundry and plumbing. Taste or odor changes can signal other variables. An on-site test provides a snapshot of those conditions at a given address instead of applying a general regional average.

The company has emphasized that testing is not limited to homeowners who already have treatment equipment. New residents, well owners, and households that notice changes in water appearance or performance are among those who commonly request an evaluation. Independent reviews of local service visits have described technicians who tested water first, explained findings in plain language, and identified issues such as elevated iron before discussing next steps.

Water quality organizations and public agencies have long recommended professional testing for private wells, including periodic checks for bacteria, nitrates, and other contaminants. Municipal customers may also benefit from periodic evaluation when fixtures show mineral buildup or when water use patterns change. The in-home format allows the tester to observe plumbing, water-using appliances, and source type at the same time the sample is taken.

Culligan of Red Wing conducts these evaluations as part of its local service work and applies protocols developed through decades of dealing with groundwater in Goodhue, Pepin, Pierce, and nearby counties. The dealership operates within a national Culligan network of more than 600 locations while focusing on conditions specific to this part of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

“An in-home water test is a straightforward way to see what is actually coming out of the tap at a particular house,” said Justin Bohl, Owner of Culligan of Red Wing. “The visit gives residents a clear report based on their own water rather than a generic description of the area.”

Bohl added, “Our technicians walk through the results on site so people understand hardness, iron, and other local factors before they decide whether any further evaluation is needed.”

The company serves Red Wing and surrounding communities including Lake City, Prescott, Cannon Falls, Zumbrota, Wabasha, Goodhue, Pepin, Ellsworth, Pepin County, and Pierce County. In addition to water testing, it provides water softeners, filtration systems, bottled water delivery, coolers, salt delivery, and equipment service.

With operations dating to 1936, Culligan of Red Wing continues to use in-home testing as a practical method for documenting local water conditions and explaining those findings to residents.

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