



INSPECTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Quarterly Update

DATCP

- FCHD is in the midst of another permit cycle of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Fiscal year 2023-2024. This program runs July 1- June 30 each year.
- There continues to be county-wide establishment updates, including an increase in short term rentals and retail food operators in the NWTC Woodland Kitchen!
- As of this quarter, the total number of Tourist Rooming Houses (Airbnb/VRBO) licensed in Florence County is 46.



DNR

- The 2023 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Drinking Water and Groundwater Program inspection cycle is nearing the end for this year. The program manages activities that affect the safety, quality and availability of drinking water to protect public health and water resources. These include restaurants, campgrounds, town houses and churches not on the public water system. The DNR Drinking Water and Groundwater Program runs calendar year (Jan-Dec).
- During annual DNR inspections, FCHD staff collect drinking water. Samples are tested for bacteria and nitrate.



REMINDER for RETAIL FOOD OWNERS & OPERATORS!

Don't let your Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certificate expire! Contact NWTC in Aurora at 715-589-2768 to schedule the course.

Looking for a way to get involved?

As a facility owner in Florence County, you can contribute ideas to improve your industry and/or facility! Or if you just have question for your county sanitarian-

Contact us!

Amber Kolberg- Registered Sanitarian (akolberg@florencecountywi.gov) at the Florence County Health Department or call 715.528.3428



WHATS NEW

Please welcome your new Tourist Rooming House inspector!

As of December 2023, the Florence County Health Department welcomed Amanda Hawkins to our environmental health team! Amanda lives in Florence with her family and is looking forward to conducting the county's short-term rental inspections and collecting water for compliance. To contact Amanda, email her at ahawkins@florencecountywi.gov.



Florence County Establishments Continue to GROW! Let's welcome these new licensed operators:

Eastern Flavors in NWTC Woodland Kitchen, owners Sally Po & Cliff Netto

Nutty Bliss in NWTC Woodland Kitchen, owner Sam Ackley

Prisca's Fabulous Fresh Fish transient in Florence, owner Billy McCoy

Tourist Rooming Houses:

Latitude North 45 in Aurora, owner Terence Scott

Menominee River Escape in Spread Eagle, owner Brandon Schultz

The Lake Cottage in Spread Eagle, owner Elizabeth Alderman

Whiskey Ridge in Long Lake, owner Brooke Starks



How well do you know your drinking water system?

Options to protect your water system

Well casing- the requirements for wells are found in ss. NR 812 but generally, the casing should be 12" above the ground level and not rusted or showing signs of corrosion. The well should be adequately protected from environmental and physical damage (plow trucks).

Well cap- the cap should be vermin proof and tightly installed with screws to prevent entrance of insects, rodents and/or bugs.



To view retail food establishment inspections in Florence County, visit <http://healthspace.com/Clients/WI/Florence/Web.nsf/home.xsp>