

# Northwest Illinois Water Study Survey

Intended for residents or workers of the counties of Boone, Bureau, Carroll, Henry, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago.

For this and all other questions, use your best judgement. One survey per household only, please.

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**If you DON'T own or manage a farm or business located in Northwest Illinois, please skip this section (to skip, scroll to bottom; click NEXT).**

1. **If you own or manage a farm or business in Northwest Illinois, where does your farm or business get water? Check all that apply.**

*Check all that apply.*

- Municipal system
- Private well
- Surface water (lake, rivers, etc.)
- I pick up water or it is delivered to my farm or business
- I don't know
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **What is my primary industry? (e.g., food processing, manufacturing, energy production, etc.)**

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3. **What are the most important uses of water at my farm or business? (including specific industrial or other processes)**

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4. **My farm or business' use of water is**

*Mark only one oval.*

- Increasing
- About the same
- Decreasing
- I don't know

**5. My farm or business has a continuity plan for dealing with water supply shortages.***Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**6. How important is ground or surface water to your farm or business?***Mark only one oval.*

- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

**7. Does your farm or business in Northwest Illinois have stormwater runoff issues? Check all that apply.***Check all that apply.*

- Yes (on my farm or business property)
- Yes (on another person's property)
- Yes (on public property)
- No

**8. Please include any general comments here.**


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**If you DON'T live in Northwest Illinois, please skip this section (to skip, scroll to bottom; click NEXT).**

**9. Where do you get your home water supply? Check all that apply.***Check all that apply.*

- Municipal system
- Private well
- Surface water (lake, rivers, etc.)
- I pick up water or it is delivered to my home
- I don't know
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. What activities use the most water at your home? Check all that apply.***Check all that apply.*

- Bathing/showering
- Dishwashing
- Cooking/baking/drinking
- Grooming
- Teethbrushing
- Laundry
- Landscaping irrigation
- Garden irrigation
- Recreational (e.g., pools, slip-n-slides, etc.)
- Decorative (e.g., fountains, artificial ponds, artificial waterfalls, etc.)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. The average person uses (e.g., drinking, showering, cooking, etc.) 80 to 100 gallons of water per day. How much water do you think you consume per day?***Mark only one oval.*

- Above average
- Average (80 to 100 gal/day)
- Below average

**12. Do you use any of the following water conservation practices at home? Check all that apply.***Check all that apply.*

- Restrict general use during drought conditions
- Install WaterSense or low flow faucets, showerheads, or toilets
- Take shorter showers
- Shower/bathe less frequently
- Reduce irrigation
- Reduce recreational use (e.g., pools, slip-n-slides, etc.)
- Reduce decorative use (e.g., fountains, artificial fish ponds, artificial waterfalls, etc.)
- Use rainwater storage (e.g., rain barrels, cisterns, etc.)
- Physical buffers, including vegetation, to retain/detain water
- I don't intentionally conserve water
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. In my home, overall water use is***Mark only one oval.*

- Increasing
- Staying about the same
- Decreasing

14. **Do you have any concern about any of the following water supply contaminants? Check all that apply.**

*Check all that apply.*

- Chemical contaminants (nitrates, etc.)
- Elemental contaminants (arsenic, barium, lead, radium, etc.)
- Biological contaminants (E. coli, legionella, cryptosporidium, etc.)
- I don't have any concerns about water supply contaminants

**If you DON'T live in an incorporated city or village in Northwest Illinois, please skip this section (to skip, scroll to bottom; click NEXT).**

15. **In my community, overall water use is**

*Mark only one oval.*

- Increasing
- Staying about the same
- Decreasing
- I don't know

16. **How long has it been since you experienced a water supply disruption in your community?**

*Mark only one oval.*

- Past six months
- Past year
- Past five years
- I have not experienced a water supply disruption in my community in the past five years
- I can't remember

17. **Within the past five years, has your community issued a notice (including use restrictions) due to drought or extremely dry weather?**

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- I can't remember

18. **Within the past five years, has your community issued a notice (including a boil order) due to public infrastructure failure?**

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- I can't remember

**19. What water supply issues does your community currently have?**

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**20. Where are these water supply issues happening? Please be specific.**

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**21. Why do you think these water supply issues are happening? Please be specific.**

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**22. What measures would you like your community to take regarding water use?**

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**23. Does your community have stormwater runoff issues? Check all that apply.**

*Check all that apply.*

- Yes (on my property)
- Yes (on another person's property)
- Yes (on public property)
- No
- I don't know

## Final Section

**24. What industries located in Northwest Illinois are most likely to be impacted by drought or extremely dry weather? Check all that apply.**

*Check all that apply.*

- Biotechnology/pharmaceuticals
- Chemicals/plastics
- Computing/technology
- Construction
- Energy/fuel production (e.g., nuclear power, Ethanol, etc.)
- Food processing
- Crop production
- Livestock/dairy production
- Hospitality/tourism
- Manufacturing
- Mining/extraction
- Municipal/governmental use (non-public safety)
- Public safety use (e.g., fire services, etc.)
- Recreation (e.g., snow skiing, etc.)
- Residential (i.e., at home)
- Retail/services
- Textiles
- Transportation/logistics
- Warehousing/distribution
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**25. If you have experienced any kind of water supply shortage in Northwest Illinois, please describe briefly what happened.**

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**26. Would you say that Northwest Illinois has more, less, or about the same amount of water compared to the rest of the United States?**

*Mark only one oval.*

- Much more
- More
- About the same
- Less
- Much less

**27. Sex \***

*Mark only one oval.*

Female

Male

**28. Age \***

*Mark only one oval.*

Under 18 years

18 to 29 years

30 to 39 years

40 to 49 years

50 to 59 years

60 to 69 years

70 to 79 years

80 years and older

**29. Occupation \***

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**30. Highest level of education completed \***

*Mark only one oval.*

Less than high school

High school/high school equivalent

Some college

Associate's or trade school

Bachelor's

Master's

Doctorate

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**31. Home county (what is the county you live in?) \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Boone
- Bureau
- Carroll
- Henry
- Jo Daviess
- Lee
- Ogle
- Rock Island
- Stephenson
- Whiteside
- Winnebago
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**32. Home ZIP (what is the ZIP code you live in?) \***

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**If you want to further participate in the study or receive updates, please provide your contact information.**

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**33. Name**

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**34. Organization**

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**35. Phone**

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**37. Any other comments about water supply, anticipated needs, etc.?**

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