



# Glyphosate

If the level of glyphosate in your water is over **10 mg/L**, you should find a different source of water for drinking and preparing foods that take up a lot of water.\*

## What is glyphosate?

**Glyphosate is a herbicide commonly used for weed control.**

- ▶ Glyphosate is used on agricultural fields, lawns, and gardens.
- ▶ People can be exposed to glyphosate from air, soil, food, and water.

## Can glyphosate affect our health?

**Studies in research animals have shown that glyphosate can cause health effects.**

- ▶ While there are studies examining health effects among people exposed to glyphosate, the results are inconclusive at this point.
- ▶ However, studies in research animals have shown that exposure to high levels of glyphosate over long periods of time can affect the gastrointestinal system and impact development.

## What can you do to protect your health?

**Wisconsin has a recommended groundwater standard of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for glyphosate.**

If the level of glyphosate in your drinking water is above this, you should find a way to obtain safe water. Options include:

- ▶ Installing a certified treatment device.
- ▶ Drilling a new well.
- ▶ Connecting to a public water system or community well.

\*Examples of foods that take up a lot of water include soup, rice, jello, and oatmeal.

## Looking for more information?

- ▶ See the [factsheet](#) by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for additional information on the use of glyphosate in Wisconsin.
- ▶ Visit the [DHS website](#) for more information on Wisconsin's groundwater standards.

