



Metalaxyl

What is metalaxyl?

Metalaxyl is a pesticide that is commonly used to control plant disease caused by water-mold fungi.

- ▶ In Wisconsin, metalaxyl is used on vegetable and fruit crops, grains, corn, beans, trees and shrubs.
- ▶ Metalaxyl has been detected in private wells, irrigation wells, and monitoring wells in Wisconsin.

If the level of **metalaxyl** in your drinking water is over **800 µg/L**, you should find a way to obtain safe water.

Can metalaxyl affect our health?

Studies have shown that metalaxyl can have limited health effects on people and animals.

- ▶ No studies have evaluated the effect of metalaxyl among people.
- ▶ However, studies in research animals have shown that high levels of metalaxyl affect growth and cause neurological effects.

What can you do to protect your health?

Wisconsin's recommended groundwater standard for metalaxyl is 800 µg/L.

If the level of metalaxyl in your drinking water is above 800 µg/L, you should find a way to obtain safe water.

Sources of water can include:

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

µg/L = micrograms per liter equivalent to parts per billion (ppb)



Looking for more information?



- ▶ See the Environmental Protection Agency's [factsheet on metalaxyl](#) for more information.
- ▶ Visit the [DHS website](#) to learn more about Wisconsin's recommended groundwater standards

