



WARREN COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT

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Water Sample Collection and Analysis:

The Warren County Combined Health District routinely collects water samples for analysis at an Ohio EPA certified laboratory every Monday and Wednesday. It is recommended by this office that if you are on a private water system (well, cistern, etc.) that you have your water tested at least once per year. The standard bacteriological analysis fee is \$42.00 and it takes approximately 3 working days to get results. If you have any questions about private water systems or want to schedule a water sample collection and analysis, please contact the Environmental Health Division, at 513-695-1220, 513-925-1220, 937-425-1220, or 513-261-1220.

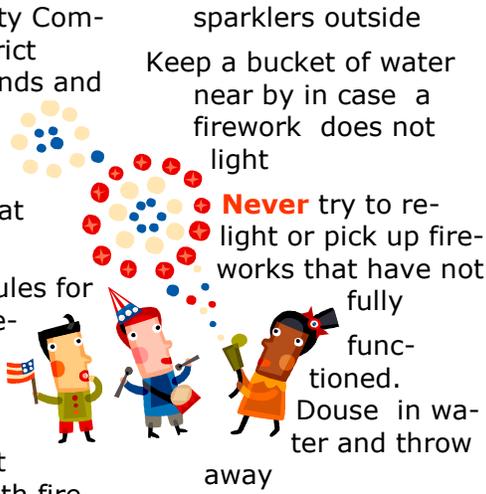
FIREWORK SAFETY

The Warren County Combined Health District wants to help friends and families enjoy a great 4th. The following tips will help ensure a great week-end:

Establish safety rules for young ones before the celebration begins

Always have adult supervision with fireworks

Always light fireworks or



throw fireworks at another person
Keep unused fireworks away from firing area
Teach your children to **"Stop, Drop and Roll"** in the event their clothes catch on fire

Following these few tips will help ensure a happy and safe holiday week-end.

WILDLIFE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

As Warren County continues to develop; we are replacing our rural land with suburban settings such as subdivisions, shopping centers, etc. As a consequence, we are displacing wildlife, which means we are going to come into contact with wild animals in our neighborhoods. Many of these wild animals adapt quite readily to the suburban environment but we must remember that they are still wild animals. They will bite you or your pets if they feel threatened. It is recommended that you follow certain precautions when dealing with wildlife in the neighborhood:

Make sure pets (dogs, cats, and ferrets) are vaccinated.

Don't let pets roam unattended

outdoors.
Enjoy wildlife from a distance.
Do not approach wild animals or try to keep them as pets.
Do not feed wildlife such as raccoons.
Make sure that garbage cans have wildlife proof lids and are kept in a secure enclosure.
Keep wildlife from living in and around your home by sealing holes and screens.

When you see an animal acting sick, disoriented, aggressive, or overly friendly, **leave it alone**, and call the proper authorities.

Leave wildlife alone and it

will usually leave you alone.

Wildlife can be a source of enjoyment when viewed from a distance in your neighborhood. If the animals become a nuisance, then contact a nuisance animal trapper to properly deal with the offending animal. If you

have any questions regarding wildlife or wildlife problems in your neighborhood, contact the Environmental Health Division, Warren County

Combined Health District at 513-695-1220, 513-261-1220, 937-425-1220 or 513-925-1220.



PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM

One of the Health Department's busiest programs during the summer months is our public swimming pool inspection program. Our Environmental Health staff conducts monthly inspections of 263 public swimming pools that operate in Warren County, Ohio. A public swimming pool is defined by the State Health Department as any indoor or outdoor pool that is intended to be used collectively for swimming, diving, or bathing; and when it is not a private residential pool intended for use by a family or their guests. Warren County has such

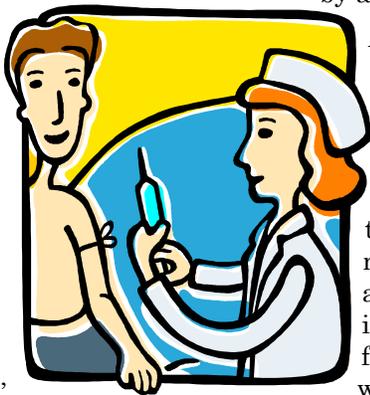
a large number of public swimming pools primarily because of the number of communities and neighborhoods who have public swimming pools as an amenity to their residents. In 2007 our Environmental Health staff conducted 2043 inspections of our public swimming pools, checking items such as water quality parameters (chlorine and pH levels), safety equipment (ring buoy and reach poles) and if a lifeguard is present that they are qualified. The



vast majority of these public swimming pools are only open during the summer/early fall months but we do have some public swimming pools (indoor) that operate all year round. If you notice a problem with your public swimming pool, be it cloudiness, green water, etc., please contact our Environmental Health Division and we will have an inspector look into the situation immediately. The Environmental Health Division can be reached at 513-695-1220, 513-261-1220, 513-925-1220 or 937-425-1220.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the Warren County Combined Health District has a Child Health Clinic available to all the residents of Warren County? The Child Health Clinic has two locations, the main office in Lebanon and at the Conover Health Center in Franklin. The services provided in the Child Health Clinic are: physical exams, immunizations, urinalysis and blood testing, TB skin test and developmental screening. Referrals are made as needed to appropriate agencies for additional services. The Child



Health Clinic is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by appointments.

A walk-in Immunization Clinic is also held every Tuesday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Each child receiving services in the Child Health Clinic must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to sign consent forms and other paperwork.

Regular checkups and keeping immunizations up to date are necessary to keep children healthy. Always bring your copy of your child's immu-

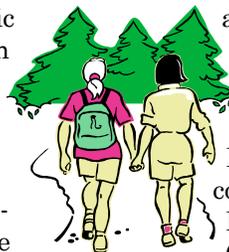
nization record with you when coming to the Child Health Clinic. This will ensure that your records are current and concise.

For further information about the Child Health Clinic or to schedule an appointment, contact Sharon at 513-695-1468, 513-261-1468, 513-925-1468 or 937-425-1468 in the Lebanon office or Ceyrrae at 937-746-1769 in the Franklin office.

RECOGNIZING POISON IVY

Poison Ivy is a climbing vine and it can grow on the ground, fences, or on trees. The leaves are medium size, about four inches long, are green and glossy, and occur in clusters of three. Poison Oak closely resembles poison ivy, though it is usually more shrub-like and its leaves are similar to those appearing on regular trees. These plants are inaccurately described as "poison" when "allergic" is a more appropriate word for the irritation to the skin caused by contact with

these plants. These plants produce a sticky substance which contains an active ingredient known as "uroshiol" which produces the allergic reaction of itching red skin and blistering. The best prevention is learning to recognize the plants and not coming into contact with them. If you are accidentally exposed, wash the exposed area thoroughly with strong laundry soap two or three times as quickly as possible. The



allergen only takes about 10 minutes to establish a skin reaction. Many over-the-counter medications are available for mild cases. If you have a severe allergic reaction you should consult with your physician.

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