



MARION COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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To enhance public health in Marion County through the promotion and protection of a healthy environment.

Environmental Health is an education and enforcement branch of the Public Health Department. It is responsible for addressing environmental concerns that affect the overall health and well-being of Marion County residents.

Investigations: Environmental Health responds to and investigates nuisance concerns and complaints that affect the environment and public health.

This includes:

- General nuisance complaints
- Illegal dumping
- Indoor air quality
- Hazardous conditions
- Animal bites
- Ground water contamination
- Lead Hazards
- Natural disasters

Septic Systems: Marion County has adopted and enforces Chapter 69 of the Iowa Administrative Code. Environmental Health is responsible for inspecting and permitting all private septic systems within the county.

Well Water: Environmental Health is responsible for ensuring proper installation and testing of wells and for the plugging of abandoned wells. This department can provide financial assistance for testing and plugging with grant money obtained from the State of Iowa.

Childhood Lead: Marion County EH is responsible for investigating all properties reporting EBL (elevated blood lead) levels in Marion County children.

Pools, Tattoo, and Tanning: Environmental Health is responsible for inspection of these licensed facilities in Marion County under a contract for service by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Radon: Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the US. Environmental Health can provide testing kits and information on how to reduce radon levels in the home.

Food: The Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals currently provides restaurant inspections within Marion County. Marion County receives complaints and relays them on to the IDIA assigned field staff.

Contact the Environmental Health Department for more information.