

PUBLIC NOTICE
****IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER****

Do Not Drink The Water at _____
Levels of PFAS above state drinking water standards

The standard for the combination of five PFAS: PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid), PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid), PFHxS (perfluorohexane sulfonic acid), PFHpA (perfluoroheptanoic acid) and PFNA (perfluorononanoic acid) is 20 parts per trillion (ppt). That means the sum of the five PFAS levels must not exceed 20 ppt in your drinking water. As required under Act 21 (S.49) enacted in 2019 by the State of Vermont, water quality samples were collected from the _____ Water System **WSID # _____** on _____, 2019 and indicate that water being served contains PFAS above the drinking water standard. The combined level of the 5 regulated PFAS is _____ ppt.

As water system users, you have a right to know what you should do, what this means, and what is being done to correct this situation. Due to the potential for impact to human health, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has required the Water System to provide this Do Not Drink notice to all users of the water system.

This **DO NOT DRINK NOTICE** remains in effect until further notice.

What should I do?

- DO NOT DRINK THE WATER. Do NOT use the water for drinking or cooking, brushing teeth, making ice cubes, making baby formula, washing fruits and vegetables, or any other consumptive use.
- Use another source of water for consumption which may include bottled water.
- Water may be used for other uses when you don't swallow the water, such as showering, bathing, or washing clothes or dishes. Try to limit the amount of water children swallow while bathing.
- Do NOT use water containing the five PFAS over 20 ppt to water your garden. The PFAS could be taken up by the vegetables.
- DO NOT BOIL THE WATER. Boiling the water will not remove PFAS and may concentrate them.
- If you have specific health concerns, contact your health care professional.

What does this mean?

PFAS is a group of chemicals that may affect different systems in the body. Although more research is needed, some studies in people have shown that these chemicals may affect growth, learning, and behavior in babies and children; lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant; interfere with the body's natural hormones; increase cholesterol levels; affect the immune system; and increase the risk of cancer. These health effects may be the same for pets. If you are concerned, you can give your pet bottled water or water from a known safe source.

What happened? What is being done?

For questions about the health effects of PFAS visit www.healthvermont.gov/water/pfas or call 211.

Additional information is also available at <https://dec.vermont.gov/water/drinking-water/water-quality-monitoring/pfas>.

For more information from the water system, please contact _____ at _____ or via email at _____@_____.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

CERTIFICATION

Method(s) of Distribution: _____ Date Distributed: _____

(e.g. hand or direct delivery, posting¹, television, radio)

I _____ (print name) Certify, as the Responsible Person (or authorized representative) of the water system listed above that this public notice has been provided to customers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Chapter 21, Subchapter 21-10).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Within 10 days of issuance of public notice, send a copy of the notice to:
Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, One National Life Drive – Main 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3521*

¹ - Community Water Systems may use posting as a second method, but must also use radio, television, or hand or direct delivery.