

Public Notice to All Consumers of

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Pascoag Utility District

253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI

Information about PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) in Drinking Water

The US Environmental Protection agency recently announced new health advisories for four PFAS substances, based on new data and analyses. The new interim health advisories are much lower than the previous health advisory set in 2016. PFAS are used to make many products water, oil, and stain-resistant. Because they don't break down quickly, they can build up in the environment and can get into drinking water sources.

We know that drinking water is important for your health, so we are sharing the information we have about PFAS and our water system.

The water source at Pascoag Utility District was most recently tested for PFAS substances in 2019. At that time, PFAS substances were not detected.

What is being done?

There are not currently federal or State regulations for PFAS in drinking water. Pascoag Utility District continues to work closely with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) to limit or prevent PFAS exposure from drinking water.

Pascoag Utility District will conduct additional testing to determine if there are any current level of PFAS substances.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- Based on our understanding at this time and guidance from RIDOH, the risk to individual Rhode Islanders from PFAS in drinking water is low.
- The best thing for most people to do is stay informed. Visit health.ri.gov/pfas for the latest information about PFAS, including information about treatment options for people who remain concerned.
- Boiling, freezing, or letting water stand does not reduce PFAS levels.
- Bottled water is not required to be tested for PFAS, so we do not have any data to show if this is a better option.

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