



Fryeburg Water Company

July 2, 2022

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

FRYEBURG WATER COMPANY (PWSID# ME0090600)
LEVEL OF PER- & POLY-FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)
EXCEEDS STATE DRINKING WATER STANDARD

As a customer of the Fryeburg Water Company, we want you to know that water tests recently collected from one of our two water source wells show that the level of PFAS in the water at this facility is 32.85 parts per trillion (ppt). This is above the State drinking water standard for PFAS which is 20 ppt (parts per trillion). PFAS refers to a family of chemicals that have been used for a long time in many household and industrial products. PFAS in drinking water can come from industrial or agricultural sources. We are required by State rule to inform you of these levels, let you know the health risks and let you know what is being done to address this issue.

We have stopped using the contaminated well.

What Happened?

Water quality test results from samples taken on May 12 and June 14, 2022 at Fryeburg Water Company Well #2 showed PFAS at levels of 32.85 ppt, which is above the State drinking water standard for PFAS as noted above. **The well was taken out of service on June 1, the same day the first set of results were received and is no longer supplying water to the Fryeburg Water Company water system.** Fryeburg Water Company Well #3 was tested on May 12 and the test results showed no detectable level of PFAS. Well #3 is now the sole source of water for customers of the Fryeburg Water Company.

On June 1, 2022, we also notified Maine's Drinking Water Program and they agreed with our plan to resample Well #2 for PFAS. The test results received on June 21, 2022, confirmed that PFAS was present at Well #2 at levels above the State drinking water standard. The average of the PFAS test results for the two samples was 32.85 ppt. We are working closely with the Maine Drinking Water Program and they have approved our action plan to remove Well #2 from service. **The Fryeburg Water Company has no plans to put water from Well #2 into the water system until the PFAS issue is resolved.** We are evaluating options for PFAS treatment and removal, or alternate groundwater supplies. **Well #3, which showed no detectable level of PFAS, has the capacity to meet the needs of the company's water system customers.**

What You Should Do:

There is nothing you need to do. The well that showed PFAS above the State drinking water standard is offline and is no longer supplying water to the water system.

Fortunately, we were able to take Well #2 completely offline. Had we **not been** able to do that, there would have been other options available to you such as these provided by Maine's Drinking Water Program: Consider actions that may reduce your exposure to PFAS by using either bottled water or other alternative water source that has been verified as PFAS-free, or water that has been filtered



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through a device capable of reducing PFAS to non-detectable levels for drinking and cooking purposes, including food preparation. Use bottled water to prepare water, juice, and formula for children. Boiling, filtering, or letting the water stand does not reduce PFAS levels. You may continue to use water for bathing, washing clothes and dishes, etc. If you are concerned about a specific health issue, you can consult with your doctor and take any precautions your doctor advises.

Possible Health Effects:

PFAS can build up and stay in the body for long periods of time. Scientists are still learning about the possible health effects of PFAS in drinking water. Most people have low amounts of these chemicals in their blood because the chemicals were used for several decades in many household and industrial products. Drinking water with high levels of PFAS can increase the level of these chemicals in the blood. Studies of populations with high levels of PFAS in their drinking water have reported an increased risk of kidney and testicular cancer, decreased immune system response, pregnancy-related complications, increased cholesterol levels and changes in liver enzymes.

For more information about PFAS and our water system, please contact the Maine Water Company (Maine Water operates the Fryeburg Water Co. under contract and provides customer service to Fryeburg customers):

Maine Water Company

PHONE #800.287.1643

93 Industrial Park Road; Saco, Maine

<https://www.mainewater.com/>

For general information on PFAS and the State requirements, please visit the Maine Drinking Water Program's website at: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/pws/pfas.shtml>

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