

NOTICE:

The Village of Bethalto is one of 47 water plants in our area who received notice from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) regarding PFAS levels found in our groundwater supply. All Village of Bethalto water customers will soon be receiving a postcard notification regarding these findings, which will provide you with additional information. PFAS are synthetic chemicals manufactured for their oil- and water-resistant properties, and their use is widespread. PFAS have been used in industrial processes since the 1940's and are found in many everyday consumer products (food packaging, non-stick cookware, carpet, upholstery, clothing, dental floss, cosmetics). They can enter the environment, including groundwater, through various pathways including spills, leaks, disposal of products containing PFAS and through various industrial processes.

As the impact of these findings may seem alarming, we feel it is important to clarify the results so that our water customers can better understand that our public water supply is safe. It should be noted that these IEPA tests were done in April 2022, on samples taken before treatment, and that only one of our seven wells, which are all located within a few hundred feet of each other, exceeded their minimum standards of PFHxS at a level of 13 parts per trillion (with IEPA standard set at 10 parts per trillion). Post-treatment testing has shown a PFHxS level of 2.5 parts per trillion.

Federal law requires that all community water systems, like the Village of Bethalto, take action to meet PFAS drinking water standards by April 2029. The Village will continue to monitor and adhere to federal and IEPA guidelines throughout this process to ensure that safe water is continued to be delivered to our residents.