

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment Requirements Not Met for Birchwood Waterworks

We were required to install optimal corrosion control treatment for reducing copper in drinking water by 10/01/2021. This requirement is the result of ninetieth percentile results of compliance samples that exceeded the copper action level during a recent compliance period. The corrosion control study required us to evaluate our water quality and recommend options for reducing copper in drinking water and install Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment. We did not complete this requirement by 10/01/2021.

What should I do?

- Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead and/or copper:
- Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for lead and copper.
- Find out whether your pipes contain lead, lead solder, or copper.
- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any standing lead and copper from the pipes.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead and copper dissolves more easily into hot water.
- Do not boil your water to remove lead and copper. Excessive boiling water makes the lead and copper more concentrated - the lead and copper remains when the water evaporates.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

What was the cause of the missed corrosion control study requirement?

The completed corrosion control study required construction of chemical addition equipment at the wellhouse. These improvements require engineered plans and specifications and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approval. This process has required more time than anticipated, and therefore the deadline passed without the improvements being constructed.

What is being done to correct the problem?

The Village has contracted with a consulting engineer for completion of the plans and specifications and has designated funds for construction of the improvements. Once the plans are approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources the Village will move forward with public bidding and construction of the project.

When will the problem be resolved?

The project is anticipated to be constructed during summer 2022.

If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact: 715-354-3300

I certify that the information and statements contained in this public notice are true and correct and have been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements in NR 809.952, Wis. Adm. Code.

Signature X



Date:

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