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## August 24, 2018: Daily Update on the Parchment Water Response

KALAMAZOO, MI— The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department will provide a news release each day at 4:00 p.m. for the community with the latest information, and report on the daily activities surrounding the Parchment Water Response.

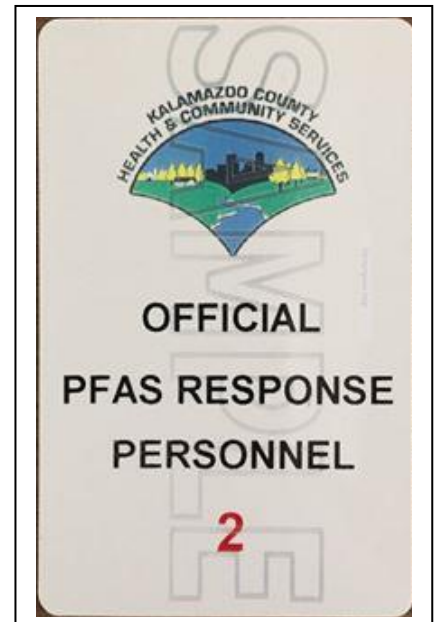
### PFAS Filters for Residential Water Wells

All private residential water wells located east of the Kalamazoo River that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) tested will be provided a point of use filter as part of the MDEQ investigation. Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department (HCS) in partnership with the Kalamazoo County Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVAC Local 357 will install all PFAS certified filters at no cost to residents.

This week, HCS Staff contacted all residents to set up appointments for Local 357 to install the units starting next Monday, August 27. Installation appointments will continue through the week, ending on Friday, August 31. The Plumbers Union is working closely with HCS staff to ensure all residents have their water filters installed properly.

**The Local 357 personnel are authorized to install filters.** They can be identified by a specific badge (pictured right) provided by the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department. Anyone representing themselves from The Plumbers Union should have the badge visible at all times, and residents should ask to see it. **The plumber will have the filter with them, and there will be no cost or payment required from the resident.**

After the filter is installed, the homeowner that is serviced by their own water well can resume drinking the water. Please be mindful that The Do No Drink order is still in place for residents connected to Parchment's municipal



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Parchment Water Hotline: 269.373.5346

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water supply and residents are encouraged to continue to use bottled water until the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department lifts the order.

### **Residential Water Wells**

To date, the DEQ has sampled 182 residential wells and 3 irrigation wells. Results have been received for 128 residential wells and 1 irrigation well. The Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department has contacted those individuals about their results.

### **Municipal Water Update**

The Do Not Drink order remains in place for Parchment and Cooper Township homes and businesses connected to the municipal water system. The top priority remains protecting the public. The eventual lifting of the drinking water advisory for the municipal system will involve consultation and/or agreement between local officials, the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the EPA.

### **Water Distribution**

The Water Distribution Center is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Haven Reformed Church. Residents can pick up additional cases of water due to the reduction of days open. Residents are asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply. On-site recycling is available for residents to return used water bottles.

On Thursday, August 2085 cases were distributed.



### **Parchment Water Hotline: 269-373-5346**

The Parchment Water Hotline is available for residents to call Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Thursday, August 23, the call center received 30 calls at an average of just over 3 calls per hour.

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