



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Important Information about your Parchment Municipal Drinking Water

The Drinking Water Advisory is LIFTED for the Parchment Municipal Water Supply as of 12:45 p.m., August 27, 2018.

On July 26, 2018, the Kalamazoo Department of Health and Community Services issued a notice advising customers of the Parchment water supply, serving residents of the City of Parchment and Cooper Township to stop drinking their water due to the high levels of perfluoro octane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), which were the most abundant perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) found in the municipal wells.

The drinking water advisory is now lifted for municipal water. Once you have flushed your home according to instructions, normal consumption of drinking water for the customers of the Parchment Municipal Water System in both the City of Parchment and Cooper Township may resume for all household purposes.

Residents who have their own wells are still under advisement to not drink their water, pending further testing. The lifting of the advisory pertains only to those on city water.

The following corrective actions have been taken by local and state government to address the issue with Parchment's municipal water:

- The Parchment water system is now connected to the City of Kalamazoo water supply and the Parchment municipal wells have been shut down. Drinking water from Kalamazoo has been tested and determined to be well below the U.S. EPA's Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) for PFOS and PFOA of 70 parts per trillion (ppt).
- A systematic flushing was performed throughout Parchment, enabling Kalamazoo water to remove the residual Parchment water at all points within the Parchment distribution system.
- Residents were given instructions and advised how to flush the Kalamazoo water through their homes, removing residual Parchment water that may have been in their plumbing system.
- Over 50 samples for PFAS at points within the Parchment system were collected beginning on Monday, July 30 and are expected to continue to be collected at a frequency of weekly for the first month, and then monthly for one year.
- Schools on Parchment water were also flushed and tested for PFAS. All test results were below the LHA of 70 ppt for PFOA and PFOS.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

311 E. Alcott St. | Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Phone: 269.373.5200 | www.kalcounty.com/hcs

- Sampling for many other parameters, such as total coliform bacteria, chlorine residuals, disinfection byproducts, and lead and copper was also completed within the Parchment distribution system.
- Additional testing will also continue for lead, copper, and other water quality parameters.

The PFAS data has been reviewed by Parchment and Kalamazoo city officials, the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department, and the Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services, and the results have been determined acceptable to lift the drinking water advisory.

The investigation of private wells in the area around the Parchment municipal wells continues, and further information concerning the use of these wells will be provided separately.

For more information, please go to www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse and click on the Parchment banner. Or, you may call the Parchment Water Hotline at 269-373-5346.