

VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY NEWS

February 2021

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Mayor's Message

9 Park St. 642-8686 vonvmayor@stny.rr.com

Hello everyone,

To date; our local snowfall is a bit less than our Southern Tier total Winter average. Stable weather; other than the middle December forty-four inches in a twenty-four period and early February addition. Your Village Public Works staff did well keeping our roadways passable during those times. After that storm; road snow removal efforts were quicker due to the shared services from Towns of Richford, Newark Valley and NYS DOT. Very soon after the storm; main street flooding and water main gusher on South Main Street occurred and quickly repaired. Your water system electronic upgrade quickly recognizes those leaks; minimizing significant water lose. These are many of the reasons why we consider infrastructure upgrades so very important for our Village. Examples: New roof for our Public Works Garage; New truck; replacing the 2008 unit and Window restoration for your Municipal Building later this Spring.

Deputy Mayor Cliff Alexander, Public Works Supervisor Bill Foster and Trustee Scott Parmelee will soon be interviewing candidates for Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). Pam Benthin, Village Clerk/Treasurer will soon begin to interview candidates for Office Accounting Associate. In November of last year, Attorney Frank Como passed away. Frank was your Village Attorney for over fifteen years; a friend and a valuable legal mind Your Trustees and Mayor have agreed the firm of Coughlin & Gerhart will represent our Village.

The Nine Brook Street FEMA project is moving along. The homeowners are requesting a property buyout by your Village due to past periodic flooding. FEMA suggests demolition of building structures. This is a FEMA 100% reimbursement up to a specific dollar amount.

Your March 1st 2021 thru February 28th 2022 budget was Trustee approved at our January 12th Village meeting. Lastly, we do not have any Trustee terms expiring so there is no need for Village elections.

Jim Tornatore
Mayor, Village of Newark Valley



CLERK'S OFFICE:

9 Park Street 642-8686 vofnv@stny.rr.com
Mon.-Thurs: 9am - 5pm Fridays: 9am - Noon

You may have noticed a bit more activity out of the Municipal Building these past few weeks, specifically out of the garage bays and the parking lot. Maine EMS, who serves Newark Valley and Northern Tioga with emergency medical and ambulance services, are operating out of the municipal building for the time being. Their home station, over the hill in Maine, was severely damaged during the massive amounts of snow and rain that we received around Christmas time and until repairs are complete, they will be calling 9 Park St. a temporary home. With this extra activity we ask that you be cautious of the additional traffic on Rock St. as an ambulance might be pulling out at any given time on its way to save a life, possibly your friend or family. So, when you see them around the Village, welcome them and thank them for being here, even if only temporarily, for all they do to provide lifesaving services to our community.



If you are a Village resident and need a temporary or permanent Handicap Parking tag for your vehicle, you can bring your completed MV-664 application, which needs to be signed by both yourself and your doctor, to the Village office along with your current valid driver's license to have one issued. There is no cost to you for this. We are only able to issue tags to Village residents, if you live in the Town please visit the Town Clerks office on Whig Street.

If you need a *Marriage License* or a *Dog License* you will need to contact the *Town Clerk's* office on Whig Street. If you are looking to obtain your Fishing or Hunting License you can visit the Village Office with either your current valid driver's license or your last year's fishing/hunting license.

The 2021-2022 Village Budget has been completed, approved, and adopted with a tax rate of \$1.1773604, this is a 1.445% increase.

Village property taxes will be mailed on Monday March 1st. These are due by March 31st without penalty. You do have until October 31st to submit payment to the Village Office, but penalties are assessed monthly beginning April 1st at 5% and increase 1% every month after until October. Taxes left unpaid after October 31st are levied to your following years Town tax bill.

Our next Water meter reading will be February 15th for the March 1st billing, which will be mailed on or before March 1st and due by March 31st without penalty, penalties are assessed every month thereafter.

As a reminder we do offer automatic payment options for your Water, Solid Waste/Recycling and Village Tax bills to be deducted directly from your checking or savings account every quarter *free of charge*. One less bill for you to remember to pay and a great way to avoid those penalty charges from forgotten bills. If you are interested, please contact the office for the appropriate form, forms are also available on our website at www.villagenv.com.

Pam Benthin
Village Clerk



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

83 Whig St. 642-8700 villagebarn@stny.rr.com

The Village DPW has been quite busy staying up with all the storms and flooding so far this winter. After the big mid-December snowstorm, we had a great deal of help from the Highway crews from Richford and Newark Valley as well as the County and State DOT. We would like to say a huge thank you for the assistance. During the storm the Village DPW was out keeping most of the main streets clear for emergency travel and were complimented by both the county and sheriff departments on a job well done.



Many repairs and maintenance had to be done on the equipment after the big snowstorm before we went into the rain and flooding the following week. During the rain we managed to keep most of the water in the creek! But the Trout Ponds Park did take on a lot of water and will need repair in the early spring. Main Street was flooded in front of the grocery store for a period of time until the creek went back down so the drains could work.

The Water Dept. had a main line break on South Main St. just days after the Christmas week rainstorm. After the repair was complete, we had some equipment issues with the water alarm notification system and are in the process of getting them repaired. I want to assure you; the issue has nothing to do with the safety of the water system or the quality of the water. The problem is, if a system alarm goes off the auto dialer is not calling us to notify of the issue so instead, I have been manually dialing in on a regular basis to check on the system and will continue to do so until repaired. The repair is scheduled to be done in the middle of February.

We are going to try something different this year. Beginning Tuesday April 20th, the DPW crew will start picking up brush & leaves on a weekly basis, every Tuesday thru October 26th. Obviously if there is a water line requiring immediate attention or a crucial project going on, we may need to skip a week here and there but will collect the following week. This will be a trial, but if it works well, we will continue in the following years ahead.





The Sanitation Department has been trying to keep up with the new ever-changing garbage & recycling system. There have been weekly route changes over the past two months as residents have been either signing up for our service or opting to use a different hauling service. Compile those constant changes with there now being multiple haulers collecting on the same day within the Village and confusion and missed pick-ups are almost expected. We ask that you have patience with us as we hope this transition will be ironed out in the next week or so. If you are signed up for the Village DPW garbage collection service, please have your can(s) to the curb by 6:00am Monday mornings and if your residence is missed please call 642-8700 and leave us a message letting us know.

Bill Foster
Village DPW Supervisor



CODE ENFORCEMENT:

9 Park St. 642-8686 yonvcode@stny.rr.com

After that massive winter storm in December, we put the 'clearing of sidewalk codes' on hold as we understood moving that much snow takes a large amount of time and physical effort. But after a month, I did have to send out 42 violations for sidewalks that still needed to be cleared for the safety of our residents that walk and run on our village streets. This was also necessary to keep those that travel our streets on foot from having to walk in the road which was causing a dangerous situation in spots where the roads were narrowed because of all the snow.



Mid-December, right before the big storm we also had a house fire in the village on Watson Ave. All residents we able to safely evacuate and had family to stay with. Due to the damage I had to deem the house not suitable for habitation and had to have the power and water turned off for the safety of the

residents and community. I am happy to say they are in the process of repairing and will hopefully soon be able to fully return to their home.

Reminder that Village street parking code is still in effect till April 1st with no parking on ANY Village Streets from 12:00am to 6:00am all days of the week.



If you are having issues with a neighborhood dog owner please contact our local Dog Control Officer, Denise Liske at 642-3287.

Building permits, in anticipation of the warm weather ahead. These are some of the projects that you DO need a permit for:

- New Roof
- New Pool greater than 24" in height
- Hot tubs and Saunas
- Demolition of a structure
- Any Change to a buildings structure, i.e., relocating a door, enclosing a porch, putting in a window where there never was one, any type of addition, kitchen/bath remodel where you are relocating plumbing or electrical lines.
- New Buildings and Structures
- New or Replacement of Decks/Porches
- Stationary Emergency Generators - And their wiring
- Installation of Fireplaces – gas or wood, Chimneys, Pellet Stoves, etc.

If you are unsure whether you need a permit, please make that part of your planning process, and call or email the office to determine if one is needed for you project.

As always you can read all our local village codes via the link on our website or directly at <https://ecode360.com/NE1405>

Bill Foster
Code Enforcement Officer



TAPPAN SPAULDING LIBRARY:

6 Rock St. 642-9960 director@tsmlibrary.org

Greetings from Tappan-Spauldung Memorial Library! The library continues to be open for curbside hours on Tuesday 2-6pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. Even though the hours are limited and it's only a brief interaction, it's wonderful to see so many familiar faces continuing to use our library! Thank you for your patronage!

You can now apply for a library card online. Simply visit our website, click Services, and then click on Apply for a Library Card. You'll be notified once your card is ready to be picked up. We did have a few kinks with online card applications at first, thank you to those who were patiently waiting for their cards!

Curbside Rundown

For those who are curious about how curbside works and haven't yet tried it, I wanted to give a brief explanation:

Step 1: Order materials - Online, by phone, or email - whatever you're comfortable with, I just want to get those books (or movies, audiobooks, etc) in your hands!

- **Online:** Patrons can order materials online by visiting our website (tsmlibrary.org) and clicking Browse the Catalog. There's a New Books section on the webpage that you may scroll through to check out what's new at our library. Check out what you'd like and you'll get an automated call or email once your materials are ready for pick-up at the library.
- **Phone:** If you're not comfortable with placing holds online, please don't hesitate to call with requests. Because our hours are so limited, feel free to leave a voicemail with your name and what you're looking for.
- **Email:** You may also email any hold requests to director@tsmlibrary.org.

Step 2: Pick up your materials - Once you've arrived at the library, call 642-9960 to let me know you're here and I'll bring your materials right out. As the temperatures are frigid most days, please do not feel obligated to get out of your vehicle. I dress for the weather and am more than happy to bring your materials to you!

Quarantining Materials

Please know that delivery of materials takes a little longer these days. Materials from

other libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System are delivered to the main hub in Ithaca and are quarantined for 3 days before being sorted and sent out for delivery to our library. It's usually about a week before your materials arrive at the library, but it sometimes takes a bit longer.

The materials you return are quarantined for 7 days before being checked back into the system. Please ignore the automated notifications about late materials until further notice. If an item is missing, you will be personally contacted about it.

Re-opening?

There is not yet a set date for re-opening to the public at this time. There are some libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System that are open to the public. Re-opening is up to each individual library board. Our library board is currently erring on the side of caution to ensure the safety of our patrons and our community.

Stay up to date on any library changes on our website or our Facebook Page. If there are any questions, concerns, or book recommendations, please don't hesitate to reach out! I'd love to hear feedback!

Erin Chapman
Library Director



TIOGA COUNTY RURAL MINISTRY:

972-908 pkunik@tcrm.org www.tcrm.org

Tioga County Rural Ministry (TCRM) has been active in helping individuals and families in need in Northern Tioga County. In the last couple of months TCRM has helped several families in the Newark Valley, Berkshire, and Richford areas. These are representative of some of the ways TCRM has served: from handicap ramp build/repair to financial aid, to rent and automotive needs.

In December, TCRM, partnering with other agencies and individuals in the N. Tioga area, received winter boots from Dick's Sporting Goods that were distributed to younger children for families in need. 122 pairs for N. Tioga! Thank you to all who helped with this, and especially Dick's Sporting Goods for their generous donation.

Our Northern Tioga office of TCRM assists Tioga County residents with emergency financial needs. We are also helping families, and in some cases locally owned businesses, who have lost income or work hours due to Covid-19. If you, or someone you know, who is a Tioga County resident/business and is suffering with financial need from the pandemic or otherwise, please encourage them to contact me, Paul M. Kunik, Northern Tioga Outreach Worker @ 607-972-9089. If unable to reach me and the need is urgent, you may call our home office in Owego @ 607-687-3021.

Due to corona virus concerns, until the pandemic ends, I will not be hosting open office hours. I will be available by phone Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9am to 1pm, to answer financial assistance questions or requests.

Paul Kunik
Northern Tioga Outreach Worker, TCRM



TILLERS & TOILERS GARDEN CLUB:

657-8171

In just a short while we will be looking forward to another garden season. Tillers and Toilers are planning on having a Plant/Bake Sale sometime in May on the Village Green. Be watching the Village of Newark Valley website for further information on the date and time.

If anyone is interested in joining the T&T's, we certainly welcome you. Please contact Mary Ellen Odom at 657-8171. We take pride in our community and welcome area residents to come join us.

Mary Ellen Odom
President, Tillers & Toilers

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We would like to acknowledge a donation made 'In Memory of' to the Trout Pond Park Memorial Fund.

*"In memory of my dearest friend...
Pat, a 70-year resident of Newark Valley
& active community member, lived just
up from the Trout Ponds on Elm St.
Newark Valley lost a treasure, with the
passing of Patricia R. Liddington."
~ Colleen*

KNOW YOUR OFFICIALS.....

MAYOR:
JAMES TORNATORE

DEPUTY MAYOR:
CLIFF ALEXANDER

TRUSTEES:
MICHAEL REYNOLDS
SCOTT PARMELEE
JOHN TOMAZIN

DPW SUPERVISOR:
BILL FOSTER

CLERK TREASURER:
PAM BENTHIN

DEPUTY CLERK TREASURER:
JESS MOORE

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:
BILL FOSTER

VILLAGE OFFICES:

CLERK'S OFFICE:
MON.-THURS: 9AM TO 5PM
FRIDAYS: 9AM TO NOON
607-642-8686

CODE ENFORCEMENT:
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
607-642-8686

PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT:
BY APPOINTMENT
MON.-THURS: 9AM TO 2PM
FRIDAYS: 9AM TO NOON
607-642-8700

VILLAGE BOARD
MEETINGS:

2ND TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

6:30PM

NOBLE ROOM @
9 PARK STREET

2021 BRUSH AND
LEAVES COLLECTION
SCHEDULE

Weekly Collection Every Tuesday
April 20th thru October 26th

**OFFICIAL VILLAGE
NEWSPAPER:**

TIOGA COUNTY COURIER
WWW.TIOGAWEB.COM/COURIER

**OFFICIAL VILLAGE
RADIO STATION:**

WEBO
1330AM
98.5 OWEGO
101.3 CANDOR
107.9 ENDICOTT
WWW.MYHOMETOWNTODAY.COM

VILLAGE HOLIDAYS:

- **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
- **GOOD FRIDAY**
- **MEMORIAL DAY**
- **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- **LABOR DAY**
- **VETERANS DAY**
- **THANKSGIVING DAY & DAY
AFTER**
- **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**WHEN HOLIDAYS FALL ON A
MONDAY GARBAGE WILL BE
COLLECTED ON TUESDAY.**

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2020
Village Newark Valley
PO Box 398 Newark Valley NY 13811
(Public Water Supply ID# NY5304407)

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, Village Newark Valley, will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. [Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard](#) this report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Bill Foster, DPW Supervisor at 642-8700. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled village board meetings. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Municipal Building in the Noble Room at 6:30 pm.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves over 1000 people through about 416 service connections. Our water source is 2 ground water wells, well # 3 is located on Whig Street adjacent to the village barn and is about 120 feet down. Well # 4 is located at the Trout Pond Park and has a depth of 150 feet the water is treated with sodium hypochlorite solution to a minimum of 0.2 and a maximum of 4.0 ppm as a disinfectant prior to distribution and is stored in an aboveground concrete reservoir which provides 500,000 gallons of finished water for distribution.

Our source water's susceptibility to contamination is very minor because our one source aquifer is slow moving, and our wells are at a sufficient depth. Other than horizontal fracking (which is not allowed in New York) we have a in ground fuel storage tank about 500 feet from the well head, but the tanks are continually monitored for leaks and the vast majority of salt is stored in concrete storage areas. We do not pump water from streams or shallow wells which is more likely for contamination.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include [total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds](#). The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the Tioga county Health Department at 1-607-687-8600 or environmental.health@co.tioga.ny.us.

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic compounds. None of the compounds we analyzed for were detected in your drinking water.

Table of Detected Contaminants

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measure- ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
COLIFORM 2 wells	NO	Monthly	Absence				Corrosion of lead service pipe, brass fitting and household plumbing components
LEAD **	NO	6/27/19	0.0035	Mg/L	0.001	0.015	
COPPER **	NO	6/27/19	0.0832	Mg/L	0.025	1.3	
NITRATE WELL 3	NO	2/03/20	1.19	Mg/L		10	
NITRATE WELL 4	NO	2/03/20	1.17	Mg/L		10	Corrosion of household plumbing, runoff from fertilizer use.
DISINFECTION PRODUCTS * PRIMARY INORGANIC CHEMICALS *	NO	8/05/20	2.40	Ug/l	2.0	60	
SECONDARY INORGANIC CHEMICALS	NO	8/13/20					Common sources of nitrate contamination include fertilizers, animal wastes, septic tanks, municipal sewage treatment systems, and decaying plant debris.
PRINCIPAL ORGANIC CHEMICALS *	NO	8/13/20					
BARIUM	NO	8/13/20					
NICKEL	NO	8/13/20	0.0316	Mg/L		2	
SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS *	NO	8/13/20	< 0.0005	Mg/L			
Volatile Organic Chemicals							
Chloroform							
Well # 3		8/13/20	<0.50ug/l			80 ug/l	
Well #4		8/13/20	2.27 ug/l			80 ug/l	
Bromodichloromethane							
Well # 3		8/13/20	0.63 ug/l			5.0 ug/l	
Well 4		8/13/20	3.24 ug/l			5.0 ug/l	
Dibromochlormethane							
Well #3		8/13/20	1.08 ug/l			5.0 ug/l	
Well # 4		8/13/20	3.26 ug/l			5.0 ug/l	
Bromoform							
Well # 3		8/13/20	3.26 ug/l			5.0 ug/l	
Well # 4							
TOTAL Trihalomethanes*		8/13/20	0.74 ug/l			2.0 ug/l	
Radium 226*well #4		8/13/20	1.23 ug/l			2.0 ug/l	
Radium 228*well#4	NO	8/05/20	11.2			80.0 5 pCi/l	
Gross Alpha*well#4	NO	8/22/17	0.119 pCi/l			5 pCi/l	
	NO	8/22/17	-0.288 pCi/l			5 pCi/l	
	No	8/22/17	-0.147 pCi/l			15 pCi/l	

*A complete breakdown of all test are available at the Village office

** Average of the two highest levels or 90th percentile detected (all levels were below MCL)

This level represents the highest locational running annual average calculated from data collected.

2 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, ten samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was the <0.0050 value the action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested. All residents that participated in the lead and copper test were delivered a test result for their house to keep them informed.

Definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is an evaluation of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is an evaluation of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Non-Detects (ND): Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Milligrams per liter (mg/L): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

Micrograms per liter (ug/L): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

Nanograms per liter (ng/L): Corresponds to one part of liquid to one trillion parts of liquid (parts per trillion - ppt).

Picograms per liter (pg/L): Corresponds to one part per of liquid to one quadrillion parts of liquid (parts per quadrillion – ppq).

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr): A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): A measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community because of materials used in your home’s plumbing. Village Newark Valley is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2020, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are several reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- ◆ Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life.
- ◆ Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- ◆ Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential firefighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

- ◆ Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So, get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
- ◆ Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- ◆ Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- ◆ Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. To maintain a safe and dependable water supply we have made new and costly improvements over the last eight years that will benefit all our customers. The state has required new test for PFOA/PFOS & 1.4 Dioxane, these samples will need to be taken quarterly if we get good results this can be reduced by the DOH. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please remember to call if you must dig anywhere near a water line, any damage done to the water system can be reflected in your water bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 642-8700 and I will try to answer any question I can.