



Facts on PFAS in Water

PFAS are chemicals (including PFOS and PFOA) that have been around since the 1940s. They are collectively known as “forever chemicals” because the properties that make them useful in consumer goods like food packaging, makeup, deodorant and shampoo, also make them stay in the environment for a long time. They are found in:

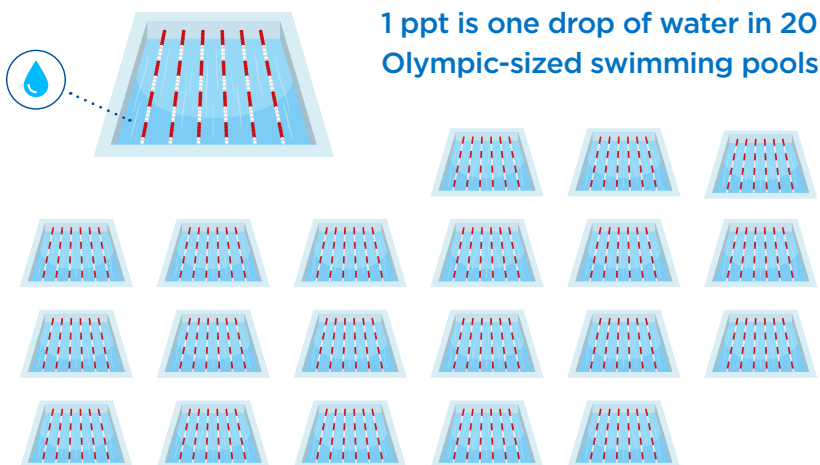
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 Manufacturing
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 Personal Care Products
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 Water-Repellent Products
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 Stain-Resistant Products
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 Food Packaging
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 Fire Fighting Foam
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 Cookware

How did they get in the drinking water?

As a universal solvent, anything that’s in our environment will often show up in our water. PFAS have seeped into groundwater from manufacturing facilities that make products that contain PFAS.

How much PFAS are in the drinking water?

PFAS are being found in our water at less than 30 parts per trillion (ppt). A part per trillion is equal to one drop of water in 20 Olympic-sized swimming pools. NJDEP has set a maximum allowable limit of 13 ppt for PFOS and 14 ppt for PFOA. These are some of the strictest PFAS limits in the nation. They are set this way to protect the most vulnerable members of the population.



2026

We anticipate completion of all projects and regulated PFAS will not be detectable in our drinking water

2023

US EPA proposes maximum PFAS limits stricter than New Jersey’s

2020

NJDEP set maximum limits at 13 ppt for PFOS and 14 ppt for PFOA

We altered operations to minimize the levels of PFAS in the water

We began a massive investment in new treatment facilities to meet new PFAS standards

2019

We brought legal action to manufacturers to hold them accountable and activated one of the first PFAS treatment facilities in New Jersey

2017

We began voluntarily monitoring for PFAS in our treated water resulting in a range of 0 to 30 ppt

What We Are Doing About It

Ridgewood Water has taken swift and comprehensive action to address PFAS.

Our Four-Point Plan includes the following:

1



Holding manufacturers responsible

2



Delivering water with the least amount of PFAS

3



Investing in new treatment to make PFAS undetectable by 2026

4



Seeking federal funding to keep costs as low as possible

What Customers Can Do

Conserve

Customers can help by continuing to conserve water. When you conserve, we can meet your demand for water by relying on the wells that have the lowest PFAS levels.

Share Information

You can also help by sharing our information with friends and neighbors. We know PFAS can sound scary, but when people understand the facts, we can reduce the spread of misinformation and raise awareness that we are working to ensure everyone has high quality drinking water.

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111 North Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Customer Service:

cswater@ridgewoodnj.net or 201-670-5520

If you feel you can't wait for our system-wide fix, some customers have installed a granular activated carbon or resin filter, a reverse osmosis system, or a combination of these two treatments in their homes. If you want to do this, here's some information to consider:

- NSF International, a not-for-profit organization that provides public health and safety risk management solutions, has certified certain drinking water treatment units for home use that reduce PFAS.
- For a list of NSF International-certified products, please consult the link below: info.nsf.org/Certified/DWTU
- It's important to note that while you may install a filter inside your home, Ridgewood Water is required by NJDEP to treat PFAS at the source.