



Dear Valued Customer,

You may notice that this quarterly notification looks different than previous versions. That is because we have consolidated the information in an attempt to make it more understandable.

Ridgewood Water is one of the estimated 6,600 public drinking water systems in the U.S. impacted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). We are also proud to be a leader in the treatment of PFAS.

By the end of 2026, all regulated PFAS compounds will be nondetectable in our treated water, exceeding the EPA standard of 4 parts per trillion. In addition, our system-wide project will be completed three years ahead of the EPA's 2029 deadline.

You may be asking:

Why is it taking so long? The short answer is that it takes time to consolidate 31 treatment facilities spread across four towns to 12 PFAS Treatment Facilities. Our entire system needed to be redesigned in order to effectively address PFAS.

What exactly is being done? Ridgewood Water proactively commissioned a PFAS Treatment Master Plan study in January 2019.

- In September 2019 our first PFAS Treatment Facility was up and running.
- The second facility went online in August 2022.
- An additional six are under construction, four of which are on target to come online in 2025.
- The remaining four are on schedule to be completed by the end of 2026.

What are you doing in the meantime? We are working to deliver water with the lowest levels of PFAS and are purchasing additional supply from Veolia Water, Hawthorne Water and the Passaic Valley Water Commission, all of which are compliant with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection PFAS regulations. *Please conserve water. When you conserve, we are able to deliver water with lower levels of PFAS.*

Ridgewood Water also is taking legal action against the companies that caused the contamination in a serious attempt to recover a portion of the cost to build these PFAS Treatment Facilities.

If you have any questions about our water system, please don't hesitate to reach out at 201-670-5520 or cswater@ridgewoodnj.net. And be sure to attend one of our events this fall and winter so that we can talk in person. Dates to be announced!

Sincerely,

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