



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Your home has been identified as being serviced by the City of Parchment water supply system. High amounts of PFAS have been found in the City of Parchment water supply. The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department in unison with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the City of Parchment, and Cooper Township is advising you and your family to immediately stop using their water for drinking, cooking, making baby formula and food, or rinsing fruits and vegetables. Boiling water will not remove PFAS. Swallowing PFAS is the main way PFAS can get into your body. You can bathe, do your dishes, laundry your clothes and clean with water that has PFAS in it. Touching water is not considered a health concern. PFAS does not move easily through skin. It is advised that farm animals and pets do not drink the water.

In order to provide your family with water that is safe to drink, bottle water will be provided to you at Parchment High School on Friday, July, 27, 2018 from 7AM to 8PM.

More information on PFAS, such as Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), such as perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), are part of a group of chemicals used globally during the past century in manufacturing, firefighting and thousands of common household and other consumer products.

We are working on providing a short term and long term solution to the PFAS in the water supply. We are currently working on the following actions to provide safe water to you and your family:

1. The City of Parchment's water supply system is being drained.
2. Once it is drained, the City of Kalamazoo will connect residents on the City of Parchment's water supply to the City of Kalamazoo's water supply system. Residents will be notified once this occurs.
3. The City of Kalamazoo will begin flushing the City of Parchment's water supply system.
4. The City of Kalamazoo will continue flushing out the City of Parchment's water supply system until test results come back that shows the PFAS levels are below the health advisory level. We do not know how long this process will take, but residents will not be connected back to the City of Parchment's water supply until it is approved.

More information about PFAS can be found at: www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse/

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