



Village of Paw Paw

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PFAS Update:

The Village of Paw Paw is aware that the potential presence of PFAS in drinking water is an emerging concern locally and throughout the county. Many have asked about the status of our municipally provided drinking water and we hope to answer your questions and keep you informed as much as we are able. The State of Michigan has contracted with AECOM to conduct PFAS sampling. The Village's water system will be tested for PFAS on August 7, 2018. It will take 4-6 weeks for the results of this test to be available. PFAS testing requires very strict sampling protocols and as such, the village lab is not equipped to conduct the testing either for our own system or for private wells. Questions or concerns regarding testing and/or treatment of PFAS may be directed to the health department, or by calling the MDEQ Environmental Assistance Center at 1-800-662-9278.

We have received this information about PFAS from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality: "Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) have been classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as an emerging contaminant; which means they present real or potential unacceptable human health risks and do not have peer-reviewed human health standards. PFAS are a class of chemicals historically used throughout the industrial, food, and textile industries. PFAS have been used in firefighting foams, food packaging, cleaning products, and various other products. They are incredibly stable, breaking down very slowly in the environment; and are highly soluble, easily transferring through soil to groundwater."

For information on PFAS including possible health outcomes, these websites are suggested:

- State of Michigan PFAS Action Response Team webpage serving as the main resource for public information on PFAS contamination in Michigan www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse
- United States Environmental Protection Agency webpage including basic information USEPA actions, and links to informational resources www.epa.gov/pfas
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry webpage including health information, exposure, and links to additional resources www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas

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