

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Walton Lake Estates Water District Has Levels of Chloride above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customer you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on January 20, 2016 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for chloride. The MCL for Chloride is 250 mg/L. Chloride was found at 268mg/L.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. There are no health effects; however, the MCL for chloride is the level above which the taste of water may become objectionable. Elevated chloride concentrations may also be associated with the presence of sodium in drinking water.

What happened? What is being done?

Standard testing during the period 01/01/2016 to 03/31/2016 showed levels of chloride which exceed the maximum contaminant level. The initial date of detection of excessive levels was in June 2006. Levels have fluctuated both above and below acceptable levels since then, possibly indicating a seasonal occurrence. We are working with the Orange County Department of Health, the New York State Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate the water supply and research options to correct the problem. These options may include treating the water to remove chloride or connecting to another water supply. We are currently planning to implement a new filtration system. We will continue to test the water for chloride.

For more information, please contact Thomas Keller, Water Operator at 845-469-7000x322.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by **The Walton Lake Estates Water District, Chester, New York; State Water System ID#NY35303525**, in accordance with the Public Notification Rule of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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