

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## WALTON LAKE ESTATES 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 customers, 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 collected during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022 (7/1/2022 to 9/30/2022) 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 267 mg/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?

Chloride is essential for maintaining good health. Research has not conclusively demonstrated that human exposure to chloride itself causes adverse health effects, although exposure to high levels of certain chloride salts has been associated with adverse health effects in humans. For example, high dietary intake of sodium chloride can be a contributing factor to high blood pressure, but this has been attributed mainly to the presence of sodium. The New York State standard for chloride is 250 milligrams per liter, and is based on chloride's effects on the taste and odor of the water.

### What happened? What is being done?

We continue to monitor for chloride on a quarterly basis and will continue to notify our customers of the results as required.

For more information, please TOWN OF CHESTER 845-469-7000 or the Orange County Department of Health at 845-291-2331.

*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.*

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