

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

South River Water Department Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a NJDEP drinking water requirement. Although this situation does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

What occurred?

Please be advised that the South River Water Department is commencing a comprehensive unidirectional flushing program to determine the condition of certain components of the water distribution system. During the program you may notice an increase in turbidity (cloudiness) in your drinking water. We will continuously monitor our progress and we are working closely with the NJDEP and we will report back regularly on this website. We expect this advisory to remain in effect starting on November 6, 2024, until the end of November 2024.

The following precautionary measures are strongly encouraged after repairs have been completed and implemented:

- Run your water faucets for 3-5 minutes to flush your service connection and interior plumbing with water from the service main.
- Empty and clean your automatic ice makers and water chillers.
- Service connections with a water softener/cartridge filter should be run through a regeneration cycle or other procedures recommended by the manufacturer.
- Water reservoirs in tall buildings should be drained and refilled (as applicable).

This advisory will remain in effect from December 1 2024 until sample test results show an improvement in water quality

Thank you for your patience. If customers have any questions, please contact the Borough of South River Water Treatment Plant at 732 257-9051.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your healthcare providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available on the EPA Ground Water and Drinking Water Website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Tests taken during this same time period did not indicate the presence of bacteria in the water.

**Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. **

These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

This advisory will remain in effect from July 10th 2024 until sample test results show an improvement in water quality

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**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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