

TO: TOWN OF ASHFORD WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

NYS Water System ID #0400352

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Due to a violation of Federal and State drinking water regulations, the Town of Ashford Water District is obligated to continue providing all water district consumers this public notice every ninety (90) days until the violation is corrected.

Our water system is required to rehabilitate and provide additional filtration treatment for the existing springs or else abandon them in lieu of developing new well sources. By regulation, this work was supposed to be completed by April 30th, 2008.

Although this situation is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours by Company and Health Dept. authorities. The following standard advisory is issued by the USEPA: Inadequately filtered spring water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites (i.e. *Giardia lamblia* or *Cryptosporidium*) 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 SHOULD I DO?

There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

The Town of Ashford is currently reviewing bid specifications for the water main distribution contract. We expect to open bids in the April-May timeframe in order for construction to begin during the summer months. Please be patient as construction will be going on within the district.

When a contractor is selected, Town of Ashford will have another public meeting to inform the water district residents of what can be expected during the construction of the water main distribution.

Billing will continue as the flat rate billing until the new system has been completed.

For more information, please check our website ashfordny.org

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Ashford.