

A Guide to New State Regulations Impacting the Cost of Drinking Water

New York State regulators have determined that decades of pollution caused by the manufacturers of the compounds 1,4-dioxane, PFOS and PFOA pose a long-term threat to the groundwater that provides 100% of Long Island's drinking water. Making sure these contaminants are removed from groundwater before we supply water to your home or business is expected to cost in the range of \$35 - \$40 million.

The New York State Department of Health recently enacted new requirements on water providers at 10 ppt (parts per trillion) for PFOA and 10 ppt for PFOS and 1 part per billion for 1,4-dioxane. The MCLs are among the most protective levels in the nation.

That is why, as of January 1, 2024, you will see an increase of approximately 34 cents per day in your bill. This new charge will help pay for the cost of developing and operating treatment systems for the three contaminants of concern that are now being regulated by New York State.

Though raising the amount we charge you for water service is something we try to avoid whenever possible, our top priority is to provide you with high quality drinking water that meets or surpasses all drinking water standards.

The new state regulations will be the toughest in the country for these contaminants and as a result, you can be assured that you will continue to have some of the best drinking water available.

We have pursued and been awarded state grant funds, but they alleviate only a portion of the cost of needed treatment systems. We are also taking the companies responsible for the pollution to court to hold them accountable for the costs of removing these contaminants. We expect both these measures to ultimately have a positive impact on water rates.

To learn more about the quality of your drinking water, go to:
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