



TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Department of Public Works

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Bottled Water Rebate Program

Recently, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) issued a new drinking water regulation that limits the sum of six PFAS compounds (known as the PFAS6) to 20 nanograms per liter (ng/L), also equal to 20 parts per trillion (ppt).

The new state drinking water standard requires public water suppliers to test for the presence of PFAS. We completed the first round of testing and received the results from the laboratory which exceeds this limit for both plants in May of 2021.

MassDEP recommends consumers in a sensitive subgroup (pregnant or nursing women, infants under one (1) years of age, and people diagnosed by their health care provider to have a compromised immune system) not to consume, drink, or cook with water when the level of PFAS6 is above 20 ppt. These individuals are advised to use alternative sources of water such as bottled water tested for PFAS6 or in-home filtration systems certified to remove PFAS6 by independent testing groups.

The Town of Burlington will now be offering a Rebate Program for customers in the previously mentioned sensitive subgroups to offset the cost of purchasing bottled water. Water customers will have to re-apply every six months to continue receiving credits. Credits will be applied as follows:

- A household with a resident in a sensitive subgroup (as defined above) will be eligible for a \$32 credit per month if you qualify
- To apply, please fill out the form on the website
- You will receive a credit on your semi-annual water bill

This rebate program is valid until MassDEP determines that the use of bottled water is no longer required. This Rebate Program is not intended to operate as a guarantee regarding any exposure to PFAS and does not imply that it limits exposure to PFAS from other sources. Information regarding safe brands of bottled water can be [found here](#).

To qualify for this rebate program, you need to provide written proof from a medical professional attesting to the fact that you fall into one of the sensitive subcategories. You do not need to specifically identify which group you fall into and why, but you will need to identify which resident in the home qualifies for this rebate. This information will only be accessible to the DPW Operations Analyst.

