

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER [Mountainside Resort, WSID 0005165]

## Contains Elevated Levels of PFAS

Our water system has elevated levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in our drinking water. As our customers, we want you to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

**The Vermont Department of Health recommends that you do not drink the water** or use it for cooking, brushing teeth, making ice cubes, making baby formula, washing fruits and vegetables, and watering your vegetable garden. Those at higher risk of health effects from PFAS include:

- People with a severely compromised immune system
- People who are pregnant or may become pregnant
- People with a risk of heart or liver disease
- Older adults
- Infants and children

### What happened?

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Compliance with the maximum contaminant level, or MCL for **PFAS** is based on averaging the last 4 calendar quarters of sample results. The MCL for PFOS is 4.0 ng/L and the MCL for PFOA is 4.0 ng/L. Results show our system has not exceeded the new MCLs based on the average for **PFOS** or **PFOA**, but they are still elevated. The sampling results based on a single sample collected on **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, are **8.7 ng/L** for **PFOS** and **6.0 ng/L** for **PFOA**.

### What should I do?

- You can use bottled water or water from an alternative source with PFAS levels below the MCL. Find a list of bottled water PFAS information at <https://dec.vermont.gov/water/drinking-water/water-quality-monitoring/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas-drinking-water>
- You can install a point-of-use or home filter. Find more information on treatment options at [www.HealthVermont.gov/water/pfas](http://www.HealthVermont.gov/water/pfas).
- Do not boil your water. Boiling the water will not remove PFAS and may concentrate them.
- You can use the water for showering, bathing, and washing clothes and dishes. Try to limit the amount of water children swallow while bathing.

### What does this mean?

PFOA: Some people who drink water containing PFOA in excess of the MCL over many years may have increased health risks such as cardiovascular, immune, and liver effects, as well as increased incidence of certain types of cancers including kidney and testicular cancer. In addition, there may be increased risks of developmental and immune effects for people who drink water containing PFOA in excess of the MCL following repeated exposure during pregnancy and/or childhood.

PFOS: Some people who drink water containing PFOS in excess of the MCL over many years may have increased health risks such as cardiovascular, immune, and liver effects, as well as increased incidence of certain types of cancers including liver cancer. In addition, there may be increased risks of developmental and immune effects for people who drink water containing PFOS in excess of the MCL following repeated exposure during pregnancy and/or childhood.

**What is being done?**

**[Describe corrective action.]**

**The PFAS impacts come from an unknown source that is impacting our supply well**

**The system is in the process of connecting to the Stowe Water System, which should be completed in 2026.**

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**[Describe timeline water system intends to return to compliance]**

**The system will be in compliance when the connection is made to the Stowe Water System in late 2026**

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For more information from the water system, please contact: James Gascoyne, Water Operator at 802-585-5081 / [james.gascoyne@oneatlas.com](mailto:james.gascoyne@oneatlas.com) or **Mike Elliott, at [mike.elliott@lemonjuice.biz](mailto:mike.elliott@lemonjuice.biz) or 31 Mountainside Drive, Stowe VT 05672.**

If you have specific health concerns regarding PFAS, contact your health care provider. For more information on health effects, visit the Department of Health's website at [www.healthvermont.gov/water/pfas](http://www.healthvermont.gov/water/pfas) or call 800-439-8550.

*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 and distributing copies.*

NOTE: Public notice must be re-distributed at least every 3 months for as long as the situation exists.

**CERTIFICATION (VT0005165) Mountainside Resort**

Method(s) of Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Distributed: \_\_\_\_\_

(e.g. hand or direct delivery, posting<sup>1</sup>, television, radio)

**I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) Certify, as the Responsible Person (or authorized representative) of the water system listed above that this public notice has been provided to customers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Chapter 21, Subchapter 21-10).**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Within 10 days of issuance of public notice, send a copy of the notice to:*

*VT-DEC, Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, 1 National Life Drive – Davis 4, Montpelier, VT 05620-3521*

1 - Community Water Systems may use posting as a second method, but must also use radio, television, or hand or direct delivery.