

# TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Nutley Water Department issued a public notice in July 2019 for its water customers receiving City of Newark Water for exceedance of the HAA5 Standard. Although recent samples show the current level of HAAs in the water is less than 60 ppb, the locational running annual average continues to remain over 60 ppb. **This is not an emergency situation, and you may continue to drink the water.** We are required to inform you every quarter that the locational running annual average is over 60 ppb. Please read the remainder of this notice for more detailed information. You can also find additional information on our website at [www.nutleynj.org/water](http://www.nutleynj.org/water).

### What happened?

When chlorine is used to kill harmful bacteria and viruses in the treatment of drinking water, the chlorine combines with naturally occurring organic and inorganic materials present in the source water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts (DBPs). The EPA sets standards for controlling the levels of these DBPs, including Total Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). We monitor our drinking water for these contaminants on a quarterly basis.

Compliance is based on a locational running annual average (LRAA) of quarterly samples. To meet the HAA standard, that average must be 60 parts per billion (ppb) or less.

Testing results received on September 5, 2019 for the third quarter show that the affected two out of four locations **are now under 60 ppb** at 53 ppb and 45.6 ppb, respectively, however, the Locational Running Annual Averages (LRAAs) for these locations are 77.28 ppb and 77.48 ppb.

**Please be aware that even though these contaminants have been significantly reduced since the June 5, 2019 sampling, notices will continue to be issued until the high quarterly concentrations are factored out of the running annual average.**

### 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, should you have specific health concerns, please consult your doctor.

### What does this mean?

**This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.** HAA5 are five haloacetic acid compounds which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. *\*People who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.\**

The MCL is based on long-term exposure from drinking two liters (about two quarts) of water every day for seventy years.

### What is being done?

The locations that are exceeding the HAA5 MCL LRAA are within a small section of town that is supplied water that the Nutley Water Department purchases from the City of Newark's Pequannock Water Treatment Facility. The Nutley Water Department continues to coordinate with Newark Water Department (NJ0714001) and NJ DEP on this issue.

The City of Newark has implemented a remedial plan to modify treatment to reduce Disinfection By-Products (DBP's) such as HAA5, prior to entering our distribution system. This plan was implemented in the summer and may take several quarters to become effective.

Only a small section of Nutley receives its supply from the Newark Water Department (see attached map).

For more information, please contact Dominic Ferry, Licensed Water Operator at (973) 284-4984 or [dferry@nutleynj.org](mailto:dferry@nutleynj.org).

*\* 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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# Nutley Water Department

## Newark Water Customers

### 436 Households

The City of Newark serves a small area of Nutley with Pequannock Reservoir Water. This area is located west of Ridge Road and Van Winkle Avenue and bordered by Glenview Road, the Township of Nutley/Bloomfield boundary line and East Passaic Avenue. The areas outlined in red below receive water from the City of Newark.

