

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Putnam Central School has Sodium above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Samples collected in 2021 show that our system exceeded the standard for sodium. The standard for sodium is 270 mg/l. Our samples indicated the sodium level was 356 mg/l.

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, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Sodium is naturally occurring. Other sources include road salt, water softeners, and animal waste. Treatment of drinking water with chlorine or chloride can also increase the concentration of chloride in water.

Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.

What is being done?

We will continue to monitor and provide notice to our customers.

This notice is being sent to you by the Putnam Central School.
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