



What are PFOAs?

- Perfluorooctanoic Acid, known commonly as PFOA, is a chemical used for many years in products such as Teflon and Scotch Guard. Over time some trace residue made it into water systems.

When will the new state standards go into effect?

- NJ adopted its new water quality standards in June of 2020. As of January 2021, all NJ water systems must be monitored for PFOA levels.

Why is NJ making these changes to water standards?

- NJ is consistently improving water standards and maintains some of the highest water quality standards in the country. The NJDEP made the decision to tackle the problem of PFOAs in an effort to improve both the quality of water and the health of its residents.

What action is the Borough taking to follow the new state guidelines?

- The Borough's first step is the addition of temporary carbon filters in the Comly Ave treatment plant which bring the Borough's water to the new rigorous standards.
- In time, the Borough will install a permanent system to efficiently remove PFOAs from Borough water.

Is my water currently safe?

- Yes! Prior to the introduction of these new guidelines Collingswood met all NJ water standards. Our action to reduce PFOAs further improves the quality of Borough water.

Will there be changes in my water delivery?

- No, water delivery is not affected by the new filtration system. Water pressure and availability remain intact.

Will I pay more for my water?

- Yes, a 5% increase is necessary to cover the costs associated with the installation and running of the temporary filters and renovation of the Comly Ave treatment plant.

How can I learn more about PFOAs and NJ water quality standards?

- Visit the [NJDEP](#) site for a wealth of information on the state's water standards.
- Detailed information on PFOAs and their impact on water can be found [here](#).