

PUBLIC NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS OF THE THORNWOOD WATER DISTRICT

The Thornwood Water District draws water from the New York City Catskill Aqueduct System north of the Kensico Reservoir. This supply is not filtered.

The quality of the drinking water supplied by the Thornwood District has not changed; it is the same water that has been supplied for the last several decades. However, recent federal legislation has set more stringent standards for drinking water quality. While the Thornwood drinking water is well within the "old" water standards, it does not meet new federal and state requirements, which required filtration by June 29, 1993. The District is required by state law to inform the public that the drinking water provided is in non-compliance with the requirements of the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR).

Public water systems in non-compliance with the SWTR must notify consumers and propose methods for complying with the treatment technique requirement. The Thornwood District has actively undertaken a series of studies of different options of constructing a joint filtration plant in combination with other local water districts. The Valhalla, Hawthorne and Thornwood Districts have retained a professional engineering firm, which has prepared a design for a joint filtration facility. These plans have been submitted to the New York State Department of Health. Also, the issuance of filtration avoidance to New York City has placed the Town in a position to apply for same. On May 13, 1997 the NYS Department of Health responded to this request and agreed that the Districts can avoid filtration. The improvements required in order to avoid filtration include a new pumping station, transmission main and water storage tanks. Construction of the pump station is complete, except for testing. The construction of the transmission main is complete. Both water tanks are completely erected and painted. The remainder of the work associated with the tanks is expected to be completed by the end of 2002. Pursuit of the avoidance option will provide the District with water that satisfies the requirements of the SWTR, at a substantial savings compared to filtration.

In accordance with the appropriate regulations the following mandatory paragraph is required to be included in this notice:

"The New York State Department of Health sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of microbiological contaminants are a health concern at certain levels of exposure. If water is inadequately treated, microbiological contaminants in that water may cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea and possibly jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water but may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. The New York State Department of Health has set enforceable requirements of treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes or destroys microbiological contaminants."

Contacts for more information:

Town of Mt. Pleasant Water & Sewer Dept. 742-2313
Westchester Cty. Dept. of Health, 813-5000

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**PUBLIC NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS OF THE
VALHALLA WATER DISTRICT
AND
HAWTHORNE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Valhalla Water District and Hawthorne Improvement District draw water from the New York City Catskill Aqueduct System south of the Kensico Reservoir. This supply is not filtered.

The quality of the drinking water supplied by the captioned Districts has not changed; it is the same water that has been supplied for the last several decades. However, recent federal legislation has set more stringent standards for drinking water quality. While the water is well within the "old" water standards, it does not meet new federal and state requirements, which required filtration by June 29, 1993. The District is required by state law to inform the public that the drinking water provided is in non-compliance with the requirements of the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR).

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**PUBLIC NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS OF THE
OLD FARM HILL WATER DISTRICT**

The Old Farm Hill Water District receives its water supply from both the Thornwood Water District and the New Castle-Stanwood Consolidated Water District. The Town of New Castle district supply is filtered. The Thornwood supply is not filtered. Therefore, the following notice from the Thornwood Water District applies to water consumers in the Old Farm Hill Water District.

The quality of the drinking water supplied by the Thornwood District has not changed; it is the same water that has been supplied for the last several decades. However, recent federal legislation has set more stringent standards for drinking water quality. While the Thornwood drinking water is well within the "old" water standards, it does not meet new federal and state requirements, which required filtration by June 29, 1993. The District is required by state law to inform the public that the drinking water provided is in non-compliance with the requirements of the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR).

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