

PUBLIC NOTICE

Important information about your drinking water

Tests show levels of radium above drinking water standards

Shorewood Park public water system routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Previous testing results show that the average level of combined radium 226 + 228 was above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 5 pCi/L. An MCL violation was issued for this system on 7/8/2021. Testing will continue until the violation is resolved. The most recent results were 4.8 pCi/L.

Radium occurs naturally within the ground water. Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

This is not an emergency. You do not need an alternative source of water such as bottled water. However, if you have specific health concerns consult your doctor. Home water treatment units are available to reduce radium, which include water softening, reverse osmosis, and distillation. It is recommended that these home water treatment units be certified to ensure radium removal. The use of carbon filters is not recommended for removal of radium, as radium may accumulate in the filter over time.

Your public water supply is exploring methods to reduce the level of combined radium 226 and 228, which may include an alternative water source or water treatment. You will be informed when the public water supply has reduced the level of radium and meets the standard.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., 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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