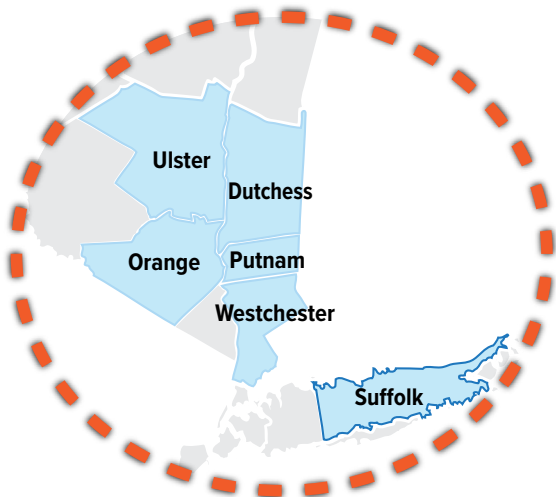


# Private Well PFAS Testing and Rebate Pilot in Suffolk County

Get free private well testing for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and money back for water treatment from the **New York State Private Well PFAS Testing and Mitigation Rebate Pilot Program**. Applicants in Suffolk County must have their wells tested first for PFAS as part of this program to be eligible for a rebate.

CAN YOU APPLY?	YES	NO
You get water from a private well in <b>Suffolk</b> County	✓	
You own or rent property with a private well in <b>Suffolk</b> County	✓	
You own a facility that serves the public for at least six months per year with a transient, non-community water system	✓	
You have a whole-house water treatment system that removes PFAS that was not installed as part of this program		✗
You have been offered alternate water from DEC or a responsible third party. Questions? Contact <b>800-616-9275</b> or <b><a href="mailto:PrivateWellPFAS@hrpcassociates.com">PrivateWellPFAS@hrpcassociates.com</a></b>		✗
You get your drinking water from a public water system		✗



These counties are participating in the New York State Private Well PFAS Testing and Mitigation Rebate Pilot Program

## WHY APPLY?

1. Get free PFAS private well testing in Suffolk County.
2. Get a rebate for up to \$5,000 for installing an in-home treatment system or up to \$10,000 for connecting to a public water supply, if test results from this program show PFAS levels are above New York State drinking water standards.

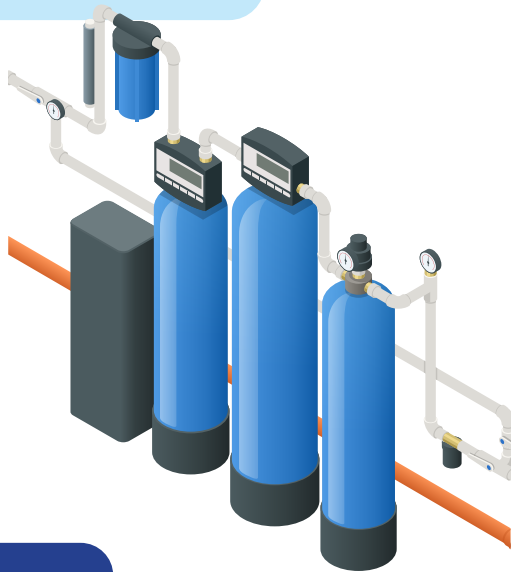


## WHAT YOU WILL NEED

**Property owners, renters, and businesses**  
Your town tax ID number (section, block, and lot) from the property tax bill

**Renters**  
Your landlord's signature on the notarized **Property Owner Acknowledgment** form available at [health.ny.gov/PrivateWellPFAS](http://health.ny.gov/PrivateWellPFAS)

**Businesses with a transient, non-community water system**  
Your Public Water System ID number



**APPLY AT: [health.ny.gov/PrivateWellPFAS](http://health.ny.gov/PrivateWellPFAS)**

## What are PFAS?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are commonly found in the environment, household products, and drinking water. Studies show that most people have some PFAS in their blood.

## How do PFAS get in the body?

PFAS get in the body through **exposures** such as breathing dust or consuming water contaminated by PFAS. PFAS levels will go down once exposure is reduced (see image below).

## Why should I be concerned about PFAS in drinking water?

PFAS have been found in public drinking water supplies and private wells near where they were made, used, or disposed. When PFAS are in drinking water, your highest exposure is typically from drinking and eating foods prepared with that water. PFAS can stay in the human body and can affect health, so it's important to know if PFAS are in your drinking water.

## What are the health effects of PFAS?

Research has shown that exposure to certain PFAS are linked to health effects on the liver, immune system, fetal growth and development, and some cancers.

## Why is this pilot program offered in Suffolk County?

We are piloting this program in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Suffolk, Ulster, and Westchester because they are more likely than other counties to have higher levels of PFAS in ground water and private wells. What we learn from this pilot will inform future programs.

## How will my test results be used?

Data will be used to determine eligibility for a rebate for water treatment. Your test results will be confidentially shared with you. They also may be used to inform public health and environmental protection efforts. Any personally identifying information will not be shared with anyone other than you.

## What else should I do to protect my drinking water?

It is important to test and maintain your private well and treatment systems to make sure your drinking water remains safe. Learn more at [health.ny.gov/PrivateWellPFAS](http://health.ny.gov/PrivateWellPFAS).

