

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
GREEN ISLAND VILLAGE – (PWS ID#NY0100195)
Does Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a New York State drinking water standard. Although this situation does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

On November 12, 2024, the Albany County Health Department and New York State Health Department determined that Center Island infiltration galleries which are the sources of our drinking water were under the direct influence of surface water (Hudson River) and that we did not provide adequate treatment to assure that potentially harmful organisms were removed or inactivated. The Department of Health required that we comply with the requirement to provide adequate treatment, replace the sources or purchase water from a nearby water supply by May 12, 2026 (18-month deadline). Unfortunately, we were unable to comply with the May 12, 2026 deadline and we are now in violation of the New York State Sanitary Code, Subpart 5-1.30(b). Subpart 5-1.78 of the State Sanitary Code requires the water system owner/operator to notify all customers of this violation and future actions.

What does this mean?

This is not a situation requiring that you take immediate action. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, until improvements are made, there is an increased chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

We are currently working with the Department of Health to modify our water system to comply with the State Drinking Water requirements. The schedule for the resolution of the problem will depend on the complexity of the solution. Until compliance is achieved, you will receive a notice similar to this every three months.

The Village of Green Island was awarded a \$1,750,000 NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant (WIIA) in December of 2025 to assist with improvements to our drinking water system. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) financing is available as low-interest loans to pay for the remaining cost of improvements.

What should I do?

- If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.
- You do not need to boil your water or provide any additional treatment.
- However, if you are considering purchasing a home drinking water filter, please be aware that not all filters provide equal or adequate protection. If you have questions regarding home filters you can call the NYS Department of Health at 1 (800) 458-1158.

For more information, please contact Maggie Alix, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, at (518) 273-2201 or Rebecca Rilling, Chief Public Health Engineer at the Albany County Health Department, (518) 447-4620.