



Lincolnshire Drinking Water Marked Safe

Recently, media outlets reported on “forever chemicals” being found in public drinking supplies across the nation. Forever chemicals – formally known as PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl Substances), or PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic Acid) and PFOS (Perfluorooctane Sulfonate) – are non-biodegradable chemicals.

The Village of Lincolnshire’s drinking water is from Lake Michigan and is purchased from the City of Highland Park. The Highland Park Water Treatment Facility follows an extensive testing procedure for PFAS and other contaminants. To date, testing found no detection of forever chemicals. As outlined in Lincolnshire’s [2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report](#), the Village’s drinking water met all United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and State of Illinois health standards. Click [HERE](#) for more in-depth information about the Highland Park Water Treatment Facility procedure.

Forever chemicals are associated with the production of stain-resistant and waterproof coatings, as well as nonstick products. These products have been produced since the early-1940s, and, in recent years, can be found in clothing, animals, food packaging, cookware, cleaning products, and firefighting foam.

For the last 10 years, the USEPA administered controlled sampling mandates based on a community’s population size to test for different contaminants.

Lincolnshire Emergency Water Supply Plan

In the event of an emergency to Lincolnshire’s drinking water supply, the Public Works Department has plans in place to utilize emergency access water and notify the public.

If there is ever a limited supply of drinking water from the City of Highland Park, Lincolnshire will open the emergency water connection we share with the villages of Buffalo Grove and Vernon Hills to resupply our water tanks; notify the public via [Blackboard Connect](#), [social media](#), and the Village [website](#); and institute restrictions on pools, irrigations systems, and other high-use water activities.

If drinking water from the City of Highland Park becomes contaminated, Lincolnshire will notify the public via [Blackboard Connect](#), [social media](#), and the Village [website](#); isolate the contaminated area and identify the source; open the emergency water connection we share with the villages of Buffalo Grove and Vernon Hills; distribute bottled water; repeat water sampling; and flush the pipes until the contamination is cleared.