

WATER ADVISORY

By the Order of the Dutchess County Department of Health

Effective January 16, 2015

Millbrook Village

Public Water Supply #NY1302770

In accordance with the NYS Department of Health Regulations, the groundwater source supplying Millbrook Village has been designated as “Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of surface water (GWUDI).” Our water system is in violation of the New York State Sanitary Code requirement that treatment be installed to remove possible pathogens associated with surface water sources. All drinking water customers are being advised of this designation as it may require changes to the treatment system.

The following steps are being taken to correct this issue: The Village has contracted with Delaware Engineering which has completed preliminary design work for a water filtration project.

Is the water safe to drink? Yes. Routine testing for Millbrook Village indicates the water supply continues to meet New York State drinking water standards. Routine testing will continue and customers will be notified if routine testing indicates that exposure may create health risks.

What does GWUDI mean? “Under the direct influence of surface water” means the groundwater source is receiving direct surface water recharge. Since a portion of the groundwater source’s recharge is from surface water, the groundwater source is considered at risk of microbiological contamination.

Why am I being notified? The presence of microbiological contaminants is 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.

Advisory for the Immunocompromised – The Dutchess County Health Department believes the risk of waterborne disease is low based on routine testing results. However, immunocompromised individuals may want to consider, in consultation with their health care provider, extra precautions to minimize their risk of infection. Precautions may include boiling drinking water for at least two minutes or purchasing bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health.

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