

3M PFC Settlement and private well owners

The 3M PFC Settlement will address long-term options for safe drinking water in the East Metro areas affected by PFAS contamination.

For a neighborhood or area that is connecting to a public water supply, the private well owner should be aware:

- Settlement funds cover all homes in a project area that are connecting to public water supply.
- Homes connecting to a public water supply must seal their private well. Funding from the Settlement will pay for the sealing of the well.
- The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) — Co-Trustees — may determine to keep private wells for groundwater monitoring. If so, the MPCA will assume ownership of well, with homeowner permission.
- For residential wells exceeding health risk limits, the Co-Trustees will provide granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment for up to two years or until the home is connected to a public water supply, whichever is sooner.
- After two years, residents who do not connect to public water supply will assume all costs for GAC maintenance.
 - A provision in the MPCA access agreement allows termination of GAC maintenance if another water supply source is available.
 - The homeowner will assume all costs for future connection to public water supply, including any city fees and well abandonment.
- Settlement funds will also pay for the removal of the GAC treatment system for residences that connect to a public water supply within two years.
- It is the homeowner's responsibility to disclose the presence of a private well, and any known contamination, upon sale for any home that does not connect to a public water supply.