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## **Village of Blissfield Water Notices and 2023 Consumer Confidence Report**

**BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN, March 20, 2024**--- Village staff and administration would like to inform our village residents of water notices they will be receiving this year from the Village of Blissfield utilities. The Village will be sending additional notices this year as well as our regularly scheduled Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Blissfield will be mailing two (2) separate notices with sample results related to the Fifth Unregulated Contamination Monitoring Rule (UCMR5). Furthermore, pursuant to the Lead & Copper Rule (LCR) the Village will be sending notices to potentially affected residents who may have lead or galvanized steel service lines.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has mandated the Village of Blissfield to sample and report results to our consumers on the sampling of UCMR5. This rule requires our public water system (PWS) to collect drinking water samples for Twenty-Nine (29) – per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium during the 12- month period of 2024. The sampling is conducted quarterly, January, April, July, and October. The sampling provides EPA and other interested parties with scientific data on the occurrence of these containments in the drinking water. These containments may be present in drinking water but are not yet subject to EPA drinking water standards. This monitoring assists the EPA nationally in determining the occurrence of unregulated containments in drinking water and whether future regulation or other actions are required to protect public health. Information on PFAS is available on the Village website at <https://blissfieldmichigan.gov/water-treatment-plant/>. Additional information regarding UCMR5 can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>.

Blissfield must notify customers of the availability of the results no later than 12 –months after the results are known. Two (2) separate public notices will be mailed this year with the information on the availability of the results. The first public notice is scheduled to be sent out at the end of June, beginning of July. This notice will have the availability of the data for the January and April sampling. The second notice is scheduled to be mailed around the end of the year, this notice will include the data for the July and October sampling.

The Village annually completes a CCR. Blissfield’s 2023 Consumer Confidence Report will be available on the Villages’ website as well as being published in The Advance, before July 1, 2024.

A memo will be added to your water bill when the report is available. The report will be available on our website, additionally, reports are available at the Village Office throughout the year, these printed copies are made accessible for the residents at any time, at no cost.

In an effort to be proactive towards ensuring safe drinking water, Blissfield is committed to implementing the Lead and Copper Final Rule mandated by the U.S. EPA. The regulations, part of an unfunded federal mandate focused on enhancing water quality across the U.S. emphasizes inventory and replacement of lead and galvanized steel service lines. A service line extends from the main water line to the water meter within a home or business. The Village started the inventory process in 2021, which must be completed by October 16, 2024. Any resident whose service line has been identified as lead or galvanized steel or is identified as statistically probable to have lead or galvanized steel service lines will receive a notice by mail in or around October 2024. "We would like to reassure Blissfield residents that our drinking water system has not demonstrated elevated lead levels" said Danielle Gross, Village Administrator. Water quality reports are available on our website and at the Village Office and as previously mentioned in this press release, the 2023 CCR will be available by July 1, 2024. To learn more about the EPA's Lead & Copper Rule visit <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/drinking-water-and-environmental-health/community-water-supply/lead-and-copper-rule>.

Furthermore, residents are encouraged to sign up for Blissfield news, events and other information using the Village's Stay Informed option. Signing up is free and all you need is a valid email address. This is another Village resource to help keep our citizens informed. Simply look for the Stay Informed Banner at the top of the Village website or visit <https://blissfieldmichigan.gov/stay-informed/>.

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