

Date: April 8, 2021

SAFE WATER ALERT

The Village of La Valle's water is now treated to remove benzene.

YOU MAY NOW DRINK YOUR WATER

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and La Valle Waterworks are advising residents that they MAY NOW USE WATER FOR DRINKING AND COOKING.

In March 2021, the level of benzene in La Valle's drinking water was as high as 151 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$). In March 2021, La Valle installed a temporary Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) treatment system to remove benzene from the drinking water. The GAC treatment system is now online and the water system has been flushed of benzene. The water supply entering the distribution system after the installation of the treatment system has been found to contain no detectable concentrations of benzene. Samples taken on April 2, 2021 from the southwest and southeast ends of the distribution system show benzene at 1.41 $\mu\text{g/L}$ and 1.39 $\mu\text{g/L}$, respectively. This indicates that the water in the Village of La Valle's distribution system is now below the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for benzene (5 $\mu\text{g/L}$). At this time, you may use your water for drinking and cooking.

What should I do?

Before you first use your water for drinking or cooking, flush the cold-water faucet for 2-5 minutes. Do this at each faucet that is used for drinking or cooking.

For more information call:

Water Utility Contact: Jerry Craker, DPW, (608)985-6300; Rockie Sobeck, Village President (608)985-8383

DNR Contact: Amy Kubly 608-219-3068

DHS Contact: Sarah Yang 608-334-3841

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