



The Incorporated Village of Bayville

MAYOR
ROBERT E. DE NATALE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VALERIE M. BELCHER
PATRICIA FARNELL
ROBERT M. NIGRO
ELISA SANTORO
PETER B. VALSECCHI
DAVID W. WRIGHT

34 SCHOOL STREET
BAYVILLE, NEW YORK 11709

TEL: (516) 628-1439
FAX: (516) 628-3740
bayvilleny.gov

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
MARIA ALFANO-HARDY

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
PETER M. WEILER

February 15, 2019

Dear Residents,

The Bayville Water Department continuously tests the quality of our drinking water to ensure the water is safe to drink. We currently test for over 130 different contaminants, including bacteria, metals, inorganic compounds, organic compounds and radiologicals. In addition, we are always evaluating emerging contaminants that could be a concern in the future. One of these emerging contaminants is 1,4-Dioxane. 1,4-Dioxane is a synthetic chemical that is used as a solvent and chlorinated solvent stabilizer for industrial chemicals. It is also commonly found in cosmetics, detergents, shampoos and deodorants.

The USEPA established a water quality data collection program, called the Unregulated Contaminant Rule, where medium and large water suppliers need to test for the presence of potential emerging contaminants. 1,4-Dioxane was tested by these suppliers in 2014 and 2015. It was found at very low levels in approximately 70% of wells on Long Island. It has been reported that 185 drinking water wells across the Island have been found to be contaminated with 1,4-Dioxane.

While the Village of Bayville wasn't required to test for 1,4-Dioxane, because we are considered a small water supplier, we felt it was important to sample our wells anyway. We sampled all three of our drinking water wells in both 2017 and 2018, and will continue to monitor them in the future. **We are pleased to report that 1,4-Dioxane was NOT detected in any of our three wells, and we are entirely free of this contaminant.**

News about 1,4-Dioxane has been gaining a lot of attention in the media and has caused public concern. Many of you have probably seen the articles in Newsday and the reports on News 12. There is currently a big push in Albany for the state to impose drinking water standards by setting regulations for the contaminant. Currently, there is no chemical-specific Federal or State standard for 1,4-Dioxane.

Again, we are pleased to report that 1,4-Dioxane has not been detected in any of our wells. Furthermore, we want to assure our residents that the Village will continue to monitor for emerging contaminants, and will continue to take the appropriate actions to ensure our water remains safe to drink.

Very Truly Yours,

Village of Bayville Water Department