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August 5, 2018: Daily Update on the Parchment Water Response

KALAMAZOO, MI— The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department will provide a news release each day at 4:00 p.m. for the community with the latest information, and report on the daily activities surrounding the Parchment Water Response.

Governor Snyder visits City of Parchment

Governor Rick Snyder visited the City of Parchment today to participate in the daily briefing of the Parchment Water Response. He stopped by the construction site where the City of Kalamazoo is working to install the first of three water stations and talked with volunteers at the water distribution location at Parchment High School. Pictures are posted on the [Facebook Page of Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department](#).

Water Distribution

Water distribution continued today from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Parchment High School. The water distribution times for next week, Monday-Friday, will be 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hours include water delivery services. Residents are asked to verify their address when they pick-up their water supply.

On-site recycling at Parchment High School is available for residents to return used water bottles.

City of Kalamazoo, Public Services

The City of Kalamazoo staff has provided information to the residents on the City of Parchment Water Supply System regarding flushing. Home Flushing Instructions were given to all residents by door-to-door delivery. There is no deadline for flushing your home or business, but residents are encouraged to complete it as soon as possible. For questions regarding how to properly flush your home or for assistance in flushing, please call: 269-337-8756. Residents may also access the flushing instructions at www.kalcounty.com/hcs/pfasresponse.php, Home Flushing Instructions document. A copy is attached to this release.

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Parchment Water Hotline: 269.373.5346

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Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Testing: Private Residential Water Wells

Since Saturday, July 28, the DEQ has worked in the community to test private residential drinking water wells. To date, they have tested 99 wells. For those not at home, a door hanger was left explaining DEQ's desire to obtain samples from their private water supply. As of Sunday, August 5, thirteen (13) residents who received a door hanger had not called the DEQ. The DEQ is requesting those residents to please get in touch with them right away at 1-800-662-9278, so they can sample your private water well.

Residents with their own private water well will be notified once results are received. The next steps after you receive your results will be dependent on the results. The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department will work directly with you to explain the results and your next steps. Residents are advised to continue to use bottled water until they discuss their private well results with the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department staff.

Parchment Water Hotline (269-373-5346)

The Parchment Water Hotline is still operational for residents to call with questions or concerns. Staff from the Health & Community Services Department are on the phones from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

The hotline responded to 35 phone calls on Saturday, August 4 with an average of 4 calls per hour.

Calls are mostly for bottled water delivery services, flushing guidance, and request for the DEQ to test private water wells.

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