

UNDERSTANDING PFAS



As your water provider, the Newton County Consecutive Water System is committed to serving our customers with safe and great-tasting water at an affordable rate.

With the rise in information surrounding PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), also known as “forever chemicals,” we want to make sure our customers know your water is safe and share knowledge around the treatment and mitigation of PFAS in our water supply.

Newton County has the best-tasting, safest water supply in Georgia, and we are taking every possible precaution to ensure your water service remains best-in-class.

PFAS COMMON QUESTIONS

I am a Newton County water customer, is my water safe to drink?

Yes, your water is safe! Only our Williams Street Facility, which accounts for 1% of our overall water supply, has reported any levels of PFAS, and they are extremely low. The level of PFAS detected at the Williams Street Facility is just a few parts per trillion, which is equal to a minute within a million years, or six inches out of the 93 million mile journey to the sun.

These extremely low levels account for very little PFAS exposure when compared to other PFAS sources.

What is the Newton County Consecutive Water System doing to treat and prevent PFAS in our water supply?

We are not just employees of our water system, we drink Newton water too! That’s why we want to ensure the water we all drink remains safe. As soon as PFAS was detected in our Williams Street Facility, our community began planning to decommission the site. We have already reduced the operation of the facility, and we are blending the treated water from the Williams facility with our Cornish Creek Facility to further lower the PFAS level.

What is the source of PFAS contamination in Newton County?

To date, all sources of PFAS exposure in the Newton County Consecutive Water System have been contained. While it is difficult to identify any one source of PFAS, common sources of PFAS can include agriculture, textile mills, paper mills, airports, and metal finishers.

If you have questions about water safety or PFAS, you can reach out to Newton County Water Resources or your local water provider.