

“A commitment to increase public awareness of the quality and importance of safe drinking water and water resources through education.”



2018 Drinking Water Tasting Contest

Do you have the best tasting drinking water in Vermont? Well, here's your opportunity to prove it.

Vermont's Drinking Water Week Committee welcomes most public water systems to enter the 2018 Water Tasting Contest. The Water Tasting Contest will be held at the Vermont Rural Water Association's Annual Conference at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Your water will be tasted and judged by a panel of your peers. Water systems will remain anonymous to the judges and all conference attendees, with the exception of the tasting coordinator. Winners will be announced during conference festivities.

Applications should be submitted on or before Friday, May 4th to allow time for processing; you will receive acknowledgment of receipt of your application. **IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE COORDINATOR, YOU MAY NOT PARTICIPATE.** Any participating system must have a valid Permit to Operate with no state or federal drinking water violations during the previous calendar year. There are four categories for this contest: (1) Public Community surface water, (2) Public Community groundwater, (3) Non-transient Non-Community and (4) Transient, Non-Community. An overall winner will be chosen from the top finishers. Only one gallon of your water is required. The gallon container should be clearly marked with the water system name, WSID, type of system (groundwater CWS, surface water CWS, NTNC or TNC), and contact person on each container. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED ONE GALLON OF WATER WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.** The water system may use a container of their choosing, but glass is strongly recommended. Containers will be returned, however, it will be the owner's responsibility to collect them. Samples should be drawn no earlier than the day before the contest and will be served at room temperature in plastic cups.

Winners will be transported and entered into the Great American Water Taste Content, sponsored by National Rural Water Association and locally by Vermont Rural Water Association.

We will have a designated tasting area where samples can be delivered at the Conference. **ALL SAMPLES MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN 9AM ON MAY 10TH (THE DAY OF THE CONFERENCE); JUDGING WILL BEGIN AT 9:30AM.**

Please contact me by email vermontdrinkingwaterweek@gmail.com or phone 802 585 4904 with any questions or if you need additional information. Don't want to contribute but would like to be a taster? Just let me know.

Sincerely,
Ashley Lucht, Chair
Vermont Drinking Water Week
Water Tasting Coordinator

Vermont Drinking Water Week Committee Members

- ◆ City of South Burlington ◆ Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation ◆ Vermont Rural Water Association
- ◆ ATC Group Services LLC ◆ RCAP Solutions ◆ Weston & Sampson ◆ Simon Operation Services ◆ Private Citizens
- ◆ Town of Hartford ◆ UVM Lake Champlain Sea Grant ◆ Green Mountain Water Environment Association

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Application for Water Tasting Contest

When: May 10, 2018 9:30AM
Where: Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee
During: VRWA Annual Conference

We will be glad to supply 1 gallon of our water to be sampled so we can claim bragging rights for the **BEST TASTING WATER IN VERMONT!**

Name of system: _____

WSID #: _____

Type of System: Public Community Groundwater
 Public Community Surface Water
 Non-Transient, Non-Community
 Transient, Non-Community

Applicant Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please scan and email to: vermontdrinkingwaterweek@gmail.com

- **Participating water systems must have a valid Permit to Operate with no state or federal drinking water violations (MCL, monitoring, reporting, etc.) during the previous calendar year.**
- **Participants will receive acknowledgement from Coordinator after receipt of application; if you do not receive acknowledgement from the Coordinator, you may not participate.**
- **Just one gallon of water is required and no more; however, failure to provide the minimum will result in disqualification.**