



2023 DRINKING WATER TASTE TEST

Do you have the best tasting drinking water in Vermont? Well, here's your opportunity to prove it. Vermont Drinking Water Week Committee welcomes public water systems to enter the 2023 Drinking Water Taste Test. The contest will be held at Vermont Rural Water Association's Annual Conference at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee on May 11.

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023

Time: Deliver samples by 9 am. Judging starts at 9:30 am.

Location: Lake Morey Resort, 82 Clubhouse Rd, Fairlee, VT

Rules

- Water system must have a valid Permit to Operate with no state or federal drinking water violations during the previous calendar year.
- Submit an entry form to info@vtruralwater.org by April 28, 2023.
- Provide one (1) gallon of water in a container that is clearly marked with water system name, WSID, type of system (CWS groundwater, CWS surface water, NTNC or TNC), and contact person on each container. Glass containers are strongly recommended.
- Drop off your sample at the taste test table in the lobby by 9 am on May 11.
- Samples should be drawn no earlier than the day before the contest.
- Water will be judged by a panel of industry professionals. Water will be served at room temperature in plastic cups. System names will remain anonymous to the judges during the contest.
- It is your responsibility to collect your container after judging. Unclaimed containers will be recycled.

Categories

- Community Water System (CWS) – Surface Water
- Community Water System (CWS) – Groundwater
- Non-transient Non-Community (NTNC)
- Transient Non-Community (TNC)
- An overall winner will be chosen from the top finisher in each category.

Winner

The winning system will be entered into the Great American Water Taste Test, held by the National Rural Water Association, in February 2024. The Vermont Rural Water Association will pay to ship the winning water sample to Washington, DC. Vermont Rural Water will also work with the winning system to write a press release for local newspapers.

This year's taste test will be run by Laura Woodard with Vermont Drinking Water Week Committee.

Don't want to compete but willing to judge? Email info@vtruralwater.org