

VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES WATER DEPARTMENT
WATER QUALITY UPDATE
Taste and Odor Conditions

June 29, 2026

Over the past several weeks, the Village of Saugerties Water Department has been actively addressing the taste and odor conditions affecting our water supply. We would like to provide residents with an update on our progress.

Since our last advisory, several additional measures have been implemented, including:

- Implementation of sodium permanganate treatment at the water treatment plant to improve oxidation of taste and odor-causing compounds.
- A second controlled application of copper sulfate to Blue Mountain Reservoir to further reduce algae growth.
- Cleaning of the raw water intake lines and equalization tank to remove accumulated organic material and improve overall treatment efficiency.

In addition, the reservoir recently received approximately 0.75 inches of rainfall, which has contributed to improving raw water conditions.

We are pleased to report that the Water Department has received numerous comments from customers throughout both the Village and the Town water systems indicating that taste and odor conditions have noticeably improved. While some customers may continue to experience minor taste and odor issues, water quality should continue to improve as treated water moves through our storage facilities and distribution systems over the coming days.

Although conditions are improving, our work is not finished. We will continue to closely monitor reservoir conditions and raw water quality for changes that could contribute to future taste and odor events. We remain committed to taking proactive measures to provide the highest quality drinking water possible.

On behalf of the entire Water Department, I would like to thank our residents for their patience, understanding, and the many constructive comments we received throughout this event. We recognize the inconvenience these conditions caused and appreciate the community's support while we worked through the issue.

As always, the water supplied by the Village of Saugerties Water Department has remained safe to drink and has continued to meet all State and Federal drinking water standards throughout this event.

If you have any questions:

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