



The Cost of PFAS Contamination

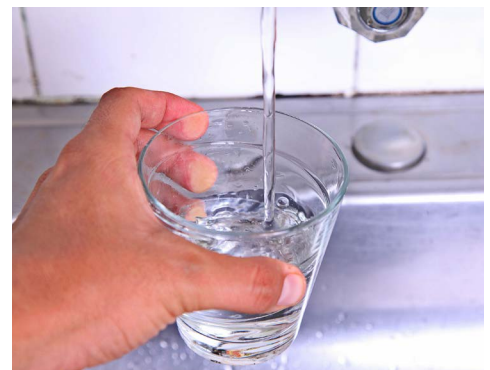
How much are taxpayers paying for clean up?

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The cost of cleaning up PFAS contamination is enormous. Preventing contamination by getting rid of the sources of these chemicals is critical for protecting health and saving taxpayers money.

Once PFAS chemicals get into the environment and drinking water, they are persistent. Costs of cleanup are high and more and more PFAS contamination is being found around the state.

- The City of Issaquah has spent more than \$1 million on a water filtration system to address PFAS contamination of their water traced to the use of firefighting foam for training.
- It will cost more than \$687,000 over the next year for Airway Heights to get clean water after their water was contaminated with PFAS chemicals and residents were placed on bottled water.
- Washington state Correctional Industries voluntarily recalled 319,000 pounds of meat, poultry, baked goods and frozen meals in Airway Heights because the food was made with PFAS contaminated water. Costs were not disclosed.
- The Town of Coupeville is getting a new drinking water filtration system due to firefighting foam contamination from the military, but costs have not yet been disclosed.
- PFAS contaminated compostable food packaging is currently winding up in compost which is spread on agricultural land and backyard gardens in Washington. Cleanup is not practical—the only solution is prevention!
- Cleanup and mitigation of perfluorinated chemicals near more than 400 U.S. military installations may cost up to \$2 billion.



**PLEASE SUPPORT BILLS TO PHASE OUT PFAS CHEMICALS IN
FOOD PACKAGING (HB 2658/SB 6396) AND
FIREFIGHTING FOAM (HB 2793/SB 6413)**

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