

On October 10th, 2024, the City of Fitchburg Board of Health adopted a revised version of its Private Well Regulation. The following is a summary of the adopted changes to the version adopted in 2018:

- 1- The addition of the following in the Purpose section: Any well application where the use is intended for any other purpose than a private drinking water well, including the transporting of water, commercial and industrial use shall be individually reviewed by the Board of Health which may impose further restrictions than this regulation does in order to protect public health and the water supply. For any change in usage from a private drinking water well to any other use, an application shall also be submitted to the Board of Health for review and shall be subject to the same constraints as above.
- 2- In section VIII Water Quantity and Pumping Test 4), the paragraph was modified to show: ~~Rates~~ A pumping test with a volume of water below 4 (GPM) for four hours shall not be approved without a special permit issued by the Board of Health. If a well must be fractured to obtain the required flow rate, the Well Completion Report should reflect the final flow rate or supplemental documentation must be submitted
- 3- In section IX Water Quality Testing, Massachusetts certified laboratory was replaced by MassDEP or EPA certified laboratory.
- 4- In section IX Water Quality Testing, the following testing parameters were added to the parameters list:
 - PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) including the following six PFAS chemicals referred to as PFAS6:
 - perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)
 - perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
 - perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS)
 - perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)
 - perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)
 - perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)
- 5- In section IX Water Quality Testing, the word dwelling was added at the end of this section relating to the submission of a water quality report to the Board: 4) a list of the water treatment equipment that is installed in the dwelling