

Fact Sheet: *Perfluorochemicals (PFCs)*

<p>What are PFCs?</p>	<p>PFCs are organic compounds that are used in firefighting foams, non-stick cookware, Teflon manufacturing, stain and water resistant fabrics and other products.</p> <p>The most common PFCs are Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS).</p>
<p>How much PFC can be in my water?</p>	<p>The USEPA has set a health advisory limit of 70 parts per trillion for PFOA, the most common PFC and are considered to be harmful to human health even in small concentrations. A Health Advisory limit is the amount of contaminate the EPA considers safe to consume.</p>
<p>How will I know if my water is contaminated?</p>	<p>Your public water system is required to notify you if your water is contaminated. You can also contact your local water supplier and ask for information on PFOA and PFOS in your drinking water and request a copy of your Consumer Confidence Report. If your water is deemed unsafe, you should avoid drinking it.</p>
<p>My water comes from a private well. How do I know if PFOA and PFOS are in my water?</p>	<p>If your drinking water is served by a private well, the EPA recommends testing. Laboratory analysis is necessary to determine if your water contains perfluorinated chemicals.</p>
<p>What are the health risks if PFC's are in my water?</p>	<p>Exposure to PFCs have been shown to cause an increase in the risk of developing high cholesterol. PFC exposure has also been linked to Thyroid Disease in Women. Pregnant women exposed to PFCs may have an increased incidence of high blood pressure.</p> <p>Continued exposure to PFCs may increase the risk of Kidney or Testicular Cancer.¹</p>
<p>What Culligan product will eliminate PFCs in my water?</p>	<p>No certification exists for PFC removal, however, in testing conducted by regulatory agencies, the Culligan Aqua Clear® with total defense cartridge was shown to be effective in reducing PFC concentrations in independent 3rd party testing. For Point-of-Entry solution, ask your Culligan dealer about a Portable Exchange Carbon unit.</p>
<p>Can PFCs damage my water treatment system? What should I do about my treatment system?</p>	<p>For any concerns, please contact your local Culligan dealer. You can also visit our website at Culligan.com for links to helpful resources. We are committed to providing you with the help and information you need and the absolute best water quality available.</p>

¹ USEPA.

