



2008 Drinking Water Tasting Contest

The Drinking Water Fair Committee welcomes all public water systems to enter the 2008 Water Tasting Contest. As in years past, the Water Tasting Contest will be held on the State House lawn during the Drinking Water Fair. This year's Fair is Friday, May 9th. Your water will be tested and judged by our discerning panel of judges. Past judges have included Governor Jim Douglas, Jeff Wennberg (former DEC Commissioner) and Kira Jacobs, Vermont's EPA representative. Water systems will remain anonymous to the judges and all fair attendees with the exception of the tasting coordinator and the winners, who will be announced during the fair festivities.

Applications should be submitted on or before May 1st to allow time for processing. All participating systems must be in compliance with both State and Federal rules and regulations (including water quality standards in Subchapter 21-6 of the Vermont Water Supply Rule). There are three categories for this contest- surface water, groundwater and Non-transient Non-Community systems. An overall winner will be chosen from the top finishers. A minimum of two (2) gallons of your water are requested, clearly marked with public water system name, type of system (groundwater, surface water or NTNC), and contact person on each container supplied by you. The water system may use a container of their choosing, but glass is strongly recommended. Samples should be drawn the day before the contest and will be served at room temperature.

We will have a designated area for samples to be delivered to on the State House lawn. Each sample will be categorized and marked with a letter for identification at the time of delivery. **All samples must be in no later than 9AM on May 9th (the day of the fair).** For those public water systems who will be unable to send a representative to the fair but want to enter the water tasting contest, I will be attending the Vermont Rural Water Annual Trade Show and Conference at Lake Morey on Thursday May 8th. You may bring your samples to the Trade Show and I will ensure they arrive at the Drinking Water Fair. Please contact me, Ashley Lucht, by email (ashley.lucht@state.vt.us) or phone (802 241 3424) with any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,
Ashley Lucht
Water Tasting Coordinator, Vermont Drinking Water Week

Vermont Drinking Water Week Committee Members

Champlain Water District, Downs Rachlin & Martin, Green Mountain Water Environment Association,
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Vermont Rural Water Association, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation,
Vermont Department of Public Service, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, US Environmental Protection Agency

Application for Water Tasting Contest



When: May 9th 2008
Where: State House Lawn, Montpelier, VT
During: Drinking Water Fair Festivities

Please sign me up! We will be glad to supply 2 gallons of our water to be sampled so we may claim bragging rights for the BEST TASTING WATER IN VERMONT!

Please fill in all of the following information:

Name of system: _____
WSID # _____

Type of System: Groundwater _____
Surface Water _____
Non-Transient, Non-Community _____

Drop off point: Montpelier on May 9th, 2008 (by 9 AM) _____
State House Lawn
Vermont Rural Water Association Trade Show _____
May 8th, 2008
Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT

Name of Operator: _____

Contact Person: _____
(If other than above)
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____

Application Fee: **FREE**

Send to: Vermont Drinking Water Week
Water Tasting Contest
89 Main St., Suite 4
Montpelier, VT 05602

I understand that this water system must be in compliance with all State and Federal drinking water standards to qualify for this contest.