

**Memo from Baileyville Utilities District regarding drinking water safety:**

We are aware of some social media comments that question the safety of the water supplied by the Baileyville Utilities District. The comments were recently published on a local Facebook group.

The Baileyville Utilities District water is safe. District water meets all state and federal drinking water standards. Daily testing at the treatment facility and monthly testing using independent, third-party labs helps to confirm this.

The Facebook allegations are based on recommended guidelines published by a Washington DC organization called the Environmental Working Group (EWG). The EWG is non-regulatory and they are free to create their own guidelines for drinking water contaminants. The District is required to meet the standards established in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Of the contaminants that have been detected, those levels are well below the respective legal limits.

Annually, the District produces a water quality report (called the Consumer Confidence Report) that is distributed to customers as well as published on the website:

<https://baileyvilleutilitiesdistrict.org/ccr-2025.pdf>

The District is transparent with its water testing data both to the customers as well as with the Maine Drinking Water Program, who receives all third-party testing lab results as well as monthly reports documenting the in-house daily monitoring of the system.

Should any member of the public have any concerns regarding the safety of the water or the processes used to ensure that, please call our office and we will gladly respond.

Thank you,

Baileyville Utilities District