



Massachusetts Department of  
Environmental Protection

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## **Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Resources for Small Public Water Systems**

### **MassDEP – State Revolving Fund Drinking Water Program**

[SRF Drinking Water Program | Mass.gov](#)

The State Revolving Fund (SRF) Drinking Water Program offers affordable loan options to cities and towns that need water system infrastructure updates, contaminated source mitigation, etc. To apply, PWSs must complete a project evaluation form (PEF) during the project solicitation period in May.

### **USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants**

[Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#)

The USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants program helps eligible communities prepare or recover from an emergency that threatens the safe water supply, ex. threatening levels of PFAS contamination.

- Rural areas or towns of fewer than 10,000 population
- Federal disaster declaration **not** required

### **RCAP Solutions**

[RCAP | Resources for Communities and People \(rcapsolutions.org\)](#)

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Rural Community Action Program (RCAP) offers a wide scope of services, ranging from technical assistance for community assets to financial resources for small businesses to foster and promote economic, environmental, and community well-being. RCAP treats PFAS like any other chemical and offer services to help PWSs with testing, engineer selection, treatment selection, funding applications, public notices, and more.

RCAP is also affiliated with USDA Rural Development Program and offers services to rural and agricultural communities.

### **MassDEP Small and Disadvantaged Community Grant Program**

[program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov)

Subject: Small and Disadvantaged Grant

The Small and Disadvantaged Community Grant Program supports underserved, small, and disadvantaged communities by strengthening and upgrading drinking water infrastructure with financial support from MassDEP and US EPA. Small and disadvantaged communities are defined as systems that serve fewer than 10,000 that are unable to afford the remedy for health-based water quality violations in drinking water.

## Free PFAS Sampling Initiative for Transient Non-Community (TNC) Public Water Systems

Free PFAS Sampling

<https://www.mass.gov/forms/pfas-free-sampling-initiative-notice-of-interest-form-for-public-water-systems>  
[program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov)

The new Drinking Water Regulations establishing an MCL for PFAS require TNC PWSs to collect, analyze, and report sampling results by September 30, 2022. Because of lab capacity (there are too many TNCs to have all the samples analyzed in the month of September, 2022), MassDEP will be spreading out the requirement for TNC sampling over several quarters and sending out revised Water Quality Monitoring Schedules.

Free testing is available now for a limited time. If you sign up, you can save approximately \$300 per sample. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/forms/pfas-free-sampling-initiative-notice-of-interest-form-for-public-water-systems> to sign up for the Free PFAS Lab Analyses Program, or send a request with the information described in the survey (e.g., PWS name, PWS ID#, number of sources to be tested, and system population) to [program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov), Subject: "Free PFAS Lab Analyses Program."

## Mass Rural Water Association (MassRWA)

[Mass Rural Water Association \(massrwa.org\)](https://www.massrwa.org)

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MassRWA provides free on-site technical assistance to water systems through the Circuit Rider Program funded by the USDA Rural Utilities Service that covers water quality treatment, testing, repairs, and emergency management.

MassRWA's Source Water Protection Program also offers technical assistance to reduce potential harmful contamination risk in communities served by a PWS. MassRWA mainly provides technical assistance services to its members internally and through partners.

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