

Zan Johnston

Please see the attachment

The interim solution to obtain water from the Garden Springs filling station is not realistic to satisfy our family's needs while we await the installation of our home filtration systems at some unknown point down the road.

My husband and I are senior citizens so we do have issues with the PFAS problem in general and specifically with this interim water solution. Suffice to say our first experience at the filling station was not very pleasant. It's not likely we'll use that facility to get water for our home use in the future. As was mentioned by one commentator we wouldn't drink the water that came out of the hose either. It doesn't look like a very sanitary mechanism. It appears water would freeze up in the hose in the winter so it isn't clear how you would be able to use the facility during that time period. Looks like you would have to disinfect the containers you use too.

We would prefer to have the filter systems put in now but if that isn't possible why can't the people who didn't get at least one under the sink filter have one installed free in addition to using this water station for those who want to use it. The Fogle plumbing people did a nice job of putting our filter in for us. It has helped. Similar to another commentator the entities involved in this should be able to afford to pay for at least put in one under the sink filter for each family. Although we appreciate having the one under the sink filter, it is not sufficient. We have multiple structures on our property that had water available that we and our animals were able to use before we were notified about the PFAS problem. We would like to have an under the sink filter for all our sinks in all of the structures that had drinkable water before the poisoning and free filters provided on-going.

We currently pay for Culligan water in addition to using the under-sink filter we were provided. We will likely keep that contract going as trying to use this water station is just not practical for us. Installing replacement filters has its own challenges. There's a cost to this Culligan water we have to pay but at least we have water delivered to us. The driver usually brings the water up to the house so we only have to haul it inside and deliver it to the other structures on the property.

One thing that would mitigate some of this would be to lower our property taxes as a result of this PFAS damage. Additionally, maybe the zoning could be changed so we could do what we want with our property. Perhaps we could build some ADUs or tiny homes to rent out to help pay expenses including the interim water. It would also cut down on the amount of grass that's so concerning to the fire insurance companies since we can't really support having the animals we need to eat the grass due to the water problem.

On a positive note, we appreciated the event where we got the jugs and the counter filter. The people were very nice and genuinely reflected a true caring for our situation.