

## HOWARD COUNTY D.P.W. DISTRIBUTION

COLUMBIA, MD | PWSID: MD0130002 | Population served: 286,158  
Based on EPA UCMR 5 testing data (2023-2025) | Report generated May 25, 2026



### PFAS detected below federal limits

The EPA set enforceable limits for six PFAS compounds in April 2024. Grade reflects the worst single compound result.

### Findings

Compound	Detected (ppt)	EPA Limit (ppt)	Ratio	Status
PFHxA	3.4	-	-	No federal limit
PFPeA	3.3	-	-	No federal limit

### What This Means

This water system serves 286,158 residents in COLUMBIA. EPA testing detected 29 PFAS compounds, 0 of which exceed federal drinking water limits. Residents served by this system should consider installing an NSF 53 or NSF 58 certified water filter.

### What You Can Do

- Request your utility's full Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for additional water quality data
- Consider an NSF 53 (pitcher) or NSF 58 (reverse osmosis) certified filter if PFAS were detected
- Attend your local water board or city council meeting to ask about treatment plans