



Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Tentative Settlement Agreement Between the State of Michigan, Plainfield and Algoma Townships and Wolverine Worldwide

1. Is the settlement final?

Not quite. The parties have signed a term sheet that provides for an agreement in principle. It is still contingent on final preparation and approval of a detailed settlement agreement and the approval and signature of Judge Janet T. Neff of the U.S. District Court of the Western District of Michigan. This finalization is expected in the next several weeks at which time all settlement terms will become final and public.

2. How much is the total settlement? What does it provide?

Assuming the parties finalize the signed term sheet and the parties and court approve a consent judgement, Wolverine Worldwide has agreed to pay \$69.5 million towards the extension of Plainfield Township's municipal water system to approximately 1,000 homes in Algoma and Plainfield townships, including all hookup and connection fees that homeowners typically pay on their own.

A small portion of Wolverine's financial contribution of \$69.5 million will also be used towards Plainfield Township's granular activated carbon water filtration system to remove PFAS. For certain homeowners not receiving municipal water, Wolverine will continue maintaining the water filters it has installed where the level of PFOA+PFOS is over 10 ppt.

The agreement also includes comprehensive remediation plans at Wolverine's former tannery and House Street site along with groundwater studies and monitoring.

3. Is my home included in the area that will receive municipal water?

The attached map and spreadsheet identify the neighborhoods and parcels that will be connected to the Plainfield municipal water system. If your home is included, you will be able to identify it by address.

Homes in these areas will be required to connect to municipal water due to the contamination plume underground, regardless of the PFAS levels found in specific wells. This is to ensure homes that may not have a positive test for PFAS today will be assured of clean drinking water into the future.

4. If my home is to be connected to municipal water, will I receive a letter from Plainfield Township? When? Do I need to reach out to the Township now?

The Plainfield Township Water Department will send homeowners an individualized letter with additional details, including when construction is anticipated to occur in their area, what can be expected during construction and what the homeowner will need to do in preparation for the switch to municipal water.

We anticipate sending out these letters over the next four months to the homeowners we are planning to connect in 2020. Letters to the remaining homeowners will be sent out the year in which they are expected to be connected. There is no need for homeowners to contact the Township at this time.

5. What if my home is in the new municipal water service district and I do not want to hook up?

You will be obligated to hookup because of public safety reasons and the need to ensure a safe buffer around the plumes.

6. When will I be connected to municipal water?

We have begun the process of prioritizing neighborhoods and parcels for connection to Plainfield Township municipal water. Neighborhoods with the highest levels of contamination will be prioritized first, but some homes with little to no contamination may be connected before others based on the most efficient construction of the new water mains.

We anticipate it will take at least five years to extend municipal water to all affected homeowners. We hope to be able to start construction as early as the spring of 2020.

Over the past two years, Plainfield Township proactively worked with the engineering firm Prein & Newhof in order to develop a detailed plan to extend municipal water. That means we are ready to send out construction bids for the initial projects in the first quarter of 2020 and begin work in the spring of that same year.

We will post a more detailed construction schedule and timeline on the Township's website once we have confirmed details. This will be updated as new information becomes available.

7. Will there be a time when I am without a whole house filter or municipal water?

No, if you are scheduled to receive municipal water and have a filter from Wolverine, that filter will be maintained until your home is connected to municipal water.

8. How much is the new water line going to cost me? Do I have to pay the connection fee?

Under the terms of the settlement, there is no charge to connect homeowners to municipal water. Wolverine is paying to install the service lines and all connections fees to integrate the homes into the water system in the areas indicated on the map.

Once homes are connected, property owners will be responsible for paying quarterly water bills to Plainfield Township. The 2020 water rates for a single family home are \$13.17 per quarter base

fee plus \$3.59 per 1,000 gallons used. The average single family water bill is approximately \$63 per quarter.

9. Do I get to keep my whole house filter or is WWWW taking that back?

Homeowners will need to continue to rely on the whole house filters supplied by Wolverine while municipal water extensions are under construction. During this time, representatives from Wolverine will continue to maintain your filter system as they have since its installation.

10. Will I still need a water filter after the new lines are installed?

No. Once the new water lines are installed, you will receive municipal water from the Plainfield Township Water Department. Plainfield municipal water has PFAS filtration in place and currently tests non-detect for PFOS/PFOA. Plainfield Township regularly tests drinking water for PFAS compounds and posts test results on the Township [website](#).

11. What if I want to keep my water filter? Can I do that? How do I have it maintained?

Once your home is connected to municipal water, you will have no further need for your whole house filter, but you are allowed to keep it.

12. Will my drinking water well be abandoned after hook-up to municipal water? Who will pay for this?

After your home is connected to municipal water, your drinking water well will be plugged by a licensed well drilling company at no expense to the homeowner.

13. What is the schedule for water line installations? How will I be notified?

We anticipate it will take at least five years to extend municipal water to all approximately 1,000 affected homeowners. We hope to be able to start construction in the spring of 2020.

We will post a more detailed construction schedule and timeline on the Township's website once we have confirmed details. This will be updated as new information becomes available.

You will receive a letter with additional details, including timing for the project, directly from the Plainfield Township Water Department.

14. If this is going to take five years, what guarantees do we have Wolverine will continue to pay?

Wolverine has agreed to pay and the settlement agreement will include details about payment that will be part of the federal court's order, which is enforceable throughout the world.

15. How much does municipal water cost? Will I also be paying for sewer services?

The cost for Plainfield Township water is set every year by the Township Board as part of the annual rates and charges resolution. For 2020 the rates are a \$13.17 per quarter base fee plus \$3.59 per 1,000 gallons used.

We are not installing sanitary sewers as part of this project, so you will not be charged for sewer service.

16. My address is not included in the area that will be connected to municipal water but I have a whole house filter. Why?

Geography and distance made it difficult or impractical to connect some homeowners with elevated levels of PFAS to municipal drinking water during the immediate future. For these homes, Wolverine has agreed to continue operating and maintaining the water filters currently installed in homes with concentrations of PFOA+PFOS in drinking water above 10 parts per trillion.

17. I'm near the settlement area, but not included and concerned about my water. Who can I contact about my water quality or filtration?

Homeowners outside of the settlement area can contact a private water quality testing lab for more information, including cost, on testing.

18. I'm part of a private lawsuit against Wolverine Worldwide. How does this settlement impact my lawsuit?

You will need to contact your attorney to discuss how the settlement may impact your lawsuit.

19. Where can I find information about the Township's water quality?

Plainfield Township tests its drinking water regularly for a wide variety of potential contaminants. We provide an annual report on the safety of our drinking water to the community. You can view the most recent report [here](#). You can also see videos on our water treatment process and the GAC filter [here](#).

20. Our neighborhood was not included on the list for municipal water connections. We are in a "study area" and have filters or bottled water delivered. Why were we not included?

There are several reasons why certain homes in the study area were not included for water connections. Most frequently, the PFAS levels in those areas are typically low or non-detect. However, in some situations where PFAS levels are elevated, connecting to municipal water is impractical due to the distance to the home or the very small number of homes to be served in the area. Municipal water lines require sufficient flow to ensure that fresh water reaches every customer.

Through the legal agreement, Wolverine will still be required to continue on-going groundwater testing and monitoring to protect the health of the residents. For those private wells where the testing indicated PFOS+PFOA levels over 10ppt and are not included in the municipal water extension, Wolverine will be required to continue to maintain the water filtration systems or provide bottled water for homeowners.

21. My well has previously tested below the 10 ppt limit or has been non-detect for PFAS and I am not included on the hookup list. Will my well continue to be tested to make sure it stays non-detect?

Included in the tentative agreement is the obligation for Wolverine to continue on-going groundwater testing and monitoring, which will allow the State to monitor the PFAS plume stability and continue to protect public health of the residents not included in the municipal water hook up areas.

22. From State of Michigan's Environment, Great Lakes & Energy: What if my home lies outside the new municipal water district and, while it is nondetect now, becomes contaminated in the future at levels that are then above whatever state and federal minimum standard is set?

The announcements accurately stated that the agreement provides for action by Wolverine to maintain filters where wells test above 10 ppt, but the announcements did not go into the additional detail that this question raises. Specifically, the Agreement will also include filter obligations on Wolverine based on 10 ppt and legally applicable standards for PFOA and PFOS, which for now is 70 ppt but may change in the future.

There are a number of components of the consent decree that continue to be negotiated. These negotiations, pursuant both to the Court's order and the federal rules of evidence, continue to be confidential. However, both EGLE staff and the townships have a vested interest in assuring the final consent decree addresses the situation you have identified here to ensure the long-term protection of public health.

As indicated by EGLE staff, included in the tentative agreement is the obligation that Wolverine continue ongoing groundwater testing and monitoring, to allow EGLE to monitor the PFAS plumes' stability, and continue to protect public health of the residents not included in the municipal water hook-up areas.