
WVRWA ANNUAL TASTE TEST COMPETITION

****Congratulations to our 2024 Taste Test Winner: Putnam PSD****

WVRWA is sponsoring its Annual Water Taste Test Competition at Water on the Mountain 2025 at Oglebay Resort. If there are more than 10 participating systems, then the event will be done in two phases. **Phase One will be held on Monday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. and Phase Two will be held on Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00 a.m.**

During Phase One, the water samples will go through a series of analytical testing with the top 75% from each division advancing to the next level. The first round of sampling will be turbidity, the second round will be chlorine residual, and the final round will be pH. All samples that qualify from the final round will automatically advance to Phase Two.

A select panel of 3 judges will evaluate based on: appearance – 5 points maximum, odor – 5 points maximum; flavor – 10 points maximum; mouth feel – 5 points maximum; aftertaste – 5 points maximum; and overall impression – 4 points maximum. The utility judged to have the best tasting water will be announced at the Awards of Excellence Banquet on Tuesday evening, August 19.

Requirements:

- **All water sample entries must be turned in at the registration desk in Wilson Lodge by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18. No exceptions!**
- Samples should be submitted in a one (1) quart glass jar with a lid and clearly tagged using a removable label with the utility name on it.
- A system representative must accompany the entry.
- Systems entering the competition must not have incurred any state or federal drinking water violations during the previous 12 months.

Winning Water System:

- The winning water system will receive a traveling trophy. The winning system will receive the trophy within 2 months of winning and will be able to display the trophy until it is returned to WVRWA at the following conference.
- The winning water system will be awarded a plaque for Water Taste Excellence.
- The winning water system will be entered to compete in the Great American Water Taste Test that is held in Washington D.C. at the 2026 NRW Water Rally.

WVRWA System Member Name: _

Contact Person and Phone Number: _

Utilities MUST submit the entry form to the WVRWA office by August 13, 2025.
No entries will be accepted at the conference.

Mail form to: WVRWA, 100 Young Street, Scott Depot, WV 25560
Fax Form to: (304) 201-1694