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### **COUNTY TO HOLD ANNUAL WATER TASTE TEST CONTEST MAY 6**

Which municipality has the best tasting water in the county? You be the judge. The Westchester County Department of Health will hold its annual water tasting contest on Tuesday, May 6. Step right up and choose the winner.

This year's event, hosted as part of National Drinking Water Week, will be held in front of the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. In case of rain, the event will take place on May 8.

The participating municipalities in this year's taste test will be Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Town of Greenburgh, City of Peekskill, Pabst Water Company (North Salem), United Water New Rochelle, United Water Westchester (Port Chester, Rye and Rye Brook) and the City of Yonkers. The winner of last year's blind taste test was the City of Yonkers.

"Every day, people make decisions that affect the water supply, whether it's turning off the tap while brushing their teeth, disposing of household chemicals properly, or supporting land use policies that protect community water resources," said County Executive Andy Spano. "The most important decisions about water are made by individuals, and each positive decision adds up to safer, cleaner drinking water."

"Westchester County residents are very fortunate that their public water supply is of such high quality," said Dr. Joshua Lipsman, Commissioner of Health. "The safety and cleanliness of our drinking water should not be taken for granted. This water tasting contest provides us with an excellent opportunity to remind residents to conserve, protect and get involved to ensure that Westchester's water remains safe and clean for generations to come."

For additional information about this year's event or other water quality initiatives, contact the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5000 or visit [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health).

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