

IT'S ALL ABOUT GOOD TASTE!

Do you have the best tasting water in
North Carolina?

Prove it!

NCRWA Water Taste Contest

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 12:00 pm
at the NCRWA Annual Conference & Exhibition
Winston-Salem, NC

Water Samples will be accepted Tuesday, May 14, 2024
from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Conference registration desk.
Visit www.ncrwa.org for participation eligibility, requirements & guidelines.

NCRWA Annual Water Taste Contest

North Carolina Rural Water intends to find out who has the best-tasting water in the state. Enter your sample and let the judges decide. The finalist will compete nationally at the NRWA Water Rally in Washington, DC.

Eligibility:

- Participating system must be a member of NCRWA.
- The contest is limited to systems serving populations less than 25,000.
- Systems must be in good standing and have no current violations for bacteriological or contaminant monitoring.

Requirements:

- Personal attendance is required for the competition. If a representative from the Utility's water system cannot attend the conference, the ORC of the system may appoint an alternate representative to submit their sample and attend the contest on their behalf.
- Samples shall be collected by a North Carolina "Certified Operator." The operator collecting the sample certifies that by entering the contest, the water was taken from a "representative tap" located in the system and has received no further treatment before or after collection.
- The sample must be collected in an unmarked, non-returnable quart glass mason jar.

Guidelines/Rules:

- Samples are to be submitted at the registration desk no later than 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.
- Each sample will be logged in and assigned a number to maintain anonymity.
- The panel of four judges will be a mix of local public figures and industry professionals not affiliated with or consulting for any contestant.
- Samples will be judged in a random order.
- A chilled 50 ml sample will be prepared and given to each judge.
- The judges will then evaluate the sample on the following grading scale.
 - a. Taste 1-10 (1 being poor and 10 being excellent)
 - b. Odor 1-10 (1 being poor and 10 being excellent)
 - c. Color 1-10 (1 being poor and 10 being excellent)
 - d. Clarity 1-10 (1 being poor and 10 being excellent)
- The sample with the highest cumulative score will be given the title of **"Best Tasting Drinking Water in North Carolina 2024."**
- The second and third-rated samples will be recognized.

Contact NCRWA at (336) 731-6963 or info@ncrwa.org with questions concerning the contest.

2024 Water Taste Contest Registration

Please put your drinking water in a clear bottle or Mason jar. Bring your entry to the NCRWA registration desk no later than 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Name of System: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: Area Code () _____

I certify that this is a sample of water from the system listed above and that it has received no additional treatment. It is a representative sample of the water that our customers receive daily.

Signature of the person entering the sample: _____

Printed name of signature: _____

For NCRWA Staff Use ONLY:

Date and time entry was received:

Date: _____ Time: _____ am/pm

Entry Code: _____