

# NCRWA ANNUAL TASTE TEST



**DO YOU HAVE THE BEST TASTING WATER IN NORTH CAROLINA?**

**Enter our annual contest to find out!**



**May 11, 2022**

**NCRWA Annual Conference & Exhibition, Winston-Salem, NC**

# 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. Finalist will compete nationally at the NRWA Water Rally in Washington, DC.

## Eligibility:

1. Participating system must be a member of NCRWA.
2. Contest limited to systems serving populations less than 15,000.
3. Systems must be in good standing and have no current violations for Bacteriological or Contaminant monitoring.

## Requirements:

1. 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.
2. Samples shall be collected by a North Carolina "Certified Operator". The operator collecting the sample is certifying that by entering the contest that the water was taken from a "representative tap" located in the system and has received no further treatment before or after collection.
3. Sample must be collected in an unmarked non-returnable quart glass mason jar.

## Guidelines/Rules:

1. Samples are to be submitted at the registration desk no later than 10:00am on Wednesday May 11, 2022.
2. Each sample will be logged in and assigned a number in order to maintain anonymity.
3. The panel of four judges will be a mix of local public figures and industry professionals not affiliated with or consulting for any contestant.
4. Samples will be judged in a random order.
5. A chilled 50 ml sample will be prepared and given to each judge.
6. 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)
7. The sample with the highest cumulative score will be given the title of "**Best Tasting Drinking Water in North Carolina 2022**".
8. The second and third rated samples will be recognized.

Contact NCRWA at (336) 731-6369 or [info@ncrwa.org](mailto:info@ncrwa.org) with questions concerning the contest.

## 2022 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 10:00am on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

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: \_\_\_\_\_